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THE three previous volumes of "Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Edinburgh" bring down the selections from the Council Register to 1st May 1571. Between that date and 13th November 1573 no records of the Council exist. The troublous condition of the times doubtless interrupted everything like regular municipal government during a large portion of that period. But from the latter date the series of records is preserved, and the present volume contains selections from them down to 25th July 1589.

During the period when the records of the town were thus interrupted, Scotland was under three Regents—the Earl of Lennox, who succeeded the Regent Murray, and was slain in the streets of Stirling on the 4th of September 1571; the Earl of Mar, who was elected on the following day, and died on 28th October 1572; and the Earl of Morton, who succeeded on 24th November in the same year, and held office till September 1577.

The disorganised state of the capital during the two and a-half years between May 1571 and November 1573 is matter of national history, and it would be out of place to do more here than simply advert to the conspicuous features of the struggle between the contending parties, in so far as Edinburgh was specially concerned. Sir William Kirkcaldy of Grange held the castle

for the Queen, and occupied and fortified the city. The party of the King occupied Canongate and Leith, and held the Calton Hill and the adjoining ground. All attempts to effect an amicable arrangement between the two parties failed, and recourse was had to active hostilities. In October 1571 the King's party began to lay out a fortified camp at Leith, and commenced the siege of Edinburgh. From that time till the 30th of July 1572, as Dr Burton observes, "Scotland was the stage of one of the bitterest civil wars on record. Many as had been the occasions, and varied the forms in which the land had been visited by strife and bloodshed, the curse on this occasion took a shape entirely new. The earlier wars of Scotland had lain between national enemies. . . . . Now, for the first time in their long history, were the people of Scotland arrayed under separate banners, and a separate allegiance, in that most dismal of quarrels, a real civil war." On the 1st of August 1572 a truce for two months was arranged, and was extended from time to time till the end of the year. Before hostilities were resumed, the Earl of Mar had died, and the Earl of Morton had been elected Regent, and John Knox, one of the greatest figures in Scottish history, had passed away. The news of the massacre of St Bartholomew had also reached Scotland, and its effect was overwhelming. "No one event," says Burton, "seems to have done so much, both to the furtherance of the Reformation in Scotland, and casting its peculiar character, as this great tragedy in France. It is from this juncture that we may trace the rise of the popular zeal for the Presbyterian polity." The immediate result, as regarded the fortunes of the party who supported the Queen, was decisive and fatal. Her most powerful supporters throughout the country came to terms with the Regent, who had thus, at the conclusion of the truce, only to deal with Grange and those who occupied the castle. On the 1st of January 1572-3 a shot from the fortress announced the termination of the truce. During its continuance the city had been thrown open to the King's party, and those who had pre-

viously left their houses in it, as supporters of that party, had returned. By the time, however, that hostilities were resumed, the Queen's supporters were so reduced in number as to be barely sufficient to defend the castle, and were in no position to attempt the reoccupation of the town. While, therefore, the guns of the fortress could damage, and did much injury to, the town, they were unable to prevent the King's party from holding a meeting of the Estates in the Tolbooth about the middle of February. Still further to discourage the garrison, and accelerate the collapse of the struggle, English troops—pioneers, musketeers, and pikemen—to the number of fifteen hundred, arrived upon the scene. The forces of the Regent numbered only five hundred. But these were sufficient to conduct the operations. Six batteries were erected around the castle, and under their fire the great keep, known as David's Tower, which formed the main feature of the fortress as it then existed, was reduced to ruins. On the 26th of May 1573 the spur was taken by assault, and then, further resistance being hopeless, Grange attempted to negotiate for surrender. Failing to secure terms, he, on the 29th of the same month, gave himself up to the commander of the English troops, by whom he was delivered over to the Regent Morton. The survivors of the garrison, who numbered about one hundred, surrendered on the same day. Grange was hanged at the Market Cross of Edinburgh on the 3d of August. With his death the Queen's influence in Scotland gradually came to an end, and Morton was left free to establish order in the country. "Purity of life, justice, and mercy had no place in his moral nature," says Burton. "But he had firmness, business capacity, and a scorn of danger, and these were the qualities needed for Scotland."

After the authority of the Regent had been established in Edinburgh, those of the inhabitants who had remained in the town during its occupation by Grange were called to account, and had "to compone for their lyff." The least sum that any of them had to pay was twenty merks, and all were charged,

"on thair awne expenssis, to mak blak gounis, with the quhilk thai stood at the kirk door an hour befoir the preitching, or afoir the minister or tyme thairof; that thai did by and attour the mony charges thai wer put to befoir; and thai that mycht not buy borrowit fra thair nychtbour; quhilk gounis were decernit to be delt to the poore."[1]

The magistrates who were in office at the time when Grange took possession of the city were supporters of the Regent, and left it, and their place was occupied by the election, on 20th June 1571, of Thomas Ker of Ferniehurst, knight, to be provost, and of Cuthbert Ramsay, Thomas Hamilton, Halbert Maxwell, and Hew Lauder, to be bailies, "with all vther membaris of court and counsale."[2] By whom or in what way that election was made does not appear. The Diurnal of Occurrents states that "the lordis of the nobilitie being in Edinburgh causit" it to be done. Probably Burton is substantially accurate when he says that Grange drove the provost forth, and set in the civic chair, as his own deputy, his son-in-law, Ker of Ferniehurst, whom Burton describes as "a notorious commander of Border rievers, with as little of the municipal or corporate in his character as could well be."[3] In November 1572, Lord Lindsay of the Byres appears as provost. Michaelmas was

[1] *Diurnal of Accounts*, p. 337. [2] *Ib.* p. 226.

[3] *History of Scotland*, vol. v., p. 66. Mr Burton states that Preston of Craigmillar was the provost thus deposed, but the Council records show that Mr James M'Gill, who had been elected provost at Michaelmas 1570, accepted the office on 20th October in that year. [*Extracts from the Records*, vol. iii., p. 277.] On 16th February 1570-1, "Mr James M'Gill, provost," appears to have been in England along with the Earl of Morton and the Abbot of Dunfermline, as ambassadors for the king, "for procuring libertie for our schippis to pas in France." [*Ib.* p. 283.] And on 20th April 1571, the Council resolved that the bailies, council, deacons, and certain honest neighbours ride to Dalkeith, to the Earl of Morton, the Lord Dunfermline, and the provost, to render them thanks for their labours in the town's affairs. [*Ib.* p. 285.] The Diurnal of Occurrents also mentions that, upon the 13th of the same month, a company of the bailies and council passed to Dalkeith, to speak with the provost, "Mr James M'Gill, tuitching the estait of Edinburgh." [p. 209].

the regular period for the election of magistrates, and he had probably been elected at the usual time. On the 22d of that month a proclamation was made at the market cross, in which, after reference to the great troubles that had fallen on the inhabitants of Edinburgh, and the injury they had thereby sustained, all and sundry the lieges, "alsueill men of weir as any vther," were charged, under pain of death, not to molest, trouble, or invade in any way, either in body or goods, the burgesses and craftsmen, or any others who had remained in the toun during these troubles. "It was said," reports the writer of the Diurnal, "that my Lord Lindsay being chosin provest of Edinburgh, wes the instrument of this proclamatioun, and wald on nawyis accept the same office without thai quha remanit in Edinburgh wer ressauit in fauouris, to the effect he may obtene all thair favouris."[1] The record of the election of magistrates in 1573 does not exist, but the Council minutes are resumed on the 13th of the following month, and from these it appears that Lord Lindsay was re-elected provost for the municipal year 1573-74.

A contract between the town council and the ministers, engrossed in the council minutes of 16th December 1573,[2] refers to an act of council of date 7th November 1572. This reference, with the election of Lord Lindsay, probably at Michaelmas of the latter year, would seem to indicate that, after the conclusion of the truce with the Queen's party in August of that year, and the subsequent return to the city of those burgesses who adhered to the cause of the king and the regent, the regular system of municipal government had been resumed, though the records of it, down till November 1573, have unfortunately disappeared. When the regular series of the records is resumed, the narrative of the burghal administration flows on as if there had never been interruption.

[1] *Diurnal of Occurrents*, p. 322.

[2] See p. 7-8.

The execution of Grange and other leading supporters of the Queen's cause, after the capture of the castle, practically terminated her influence in Scotland. During the remainder of her captivity, she and her agents were unceasing in their operations, but these operations had more immediate relation to England, France, and Spain, and no reference to them, nor even to her execution on the 8th of February, 1587, occurs in these records. Nor do the council minutes contain any allusion to the Spanish Armada,—which eighteen months after the death of the Queen attempted the invasion of England,—until it had been shattered and destroyed. On 11th October 1588, a minute refers to the arrival in Edinburgh, from Ireland, of a number of shipwrecked Spanish sailors, in great distress. These, with befitting humanity, the authorities resolved to relieve, finding it "expedient that the bowellis of mercie, compassion and christian charity be schawin vpone them." A collection was accordingly appointed to be made through the town, for the purpose of providing them with clothing and assisting them to return to their own country. On 23d October a deputation was ordered to proceed to "the king's grace ower the water," to arrange for the transport of the strangers; and on 1st November reference is made to the arrival of a great number of shipwrecked Spaniards, "in maist meserabill estaitt, bayth naiket and famishet," and another collection was ordered to be made for their support.

The selections given in this volume embrace almost everything of local and general interest which the records of the council contain, and it is impossible here even to indicate the great variety of subjects to which they relate. Reference may, however, be made to some of the more important.

On 15th October 1574, the first indications appear of the approach of the plague. A Frenchman has arrived in Leith from London, where "the pest" is understood "to be vehement," and is "presentlie seik." The householder with whom he is lodged is ordered, with his whole family, to remain closely in house for eight days, or longer, "quhil thay be tryit quhat followis vpon the

said seiknes." Eleven days later, the council "understanding the pest to incres in Kirkcaldie and Leith," make proclamation that no inhabitant of Edinburgh shall have communication with either of these towns, and that no inhabitant of these towns shall resort to Edinburgh, under pain of death. Then follow other regulations—requiring outbreaks of sickness to be reported to the magistrates, and the ports of the town, other than the Netherbow and West Ports, to be closed; prescribing the hours at which alone the ports named are to be opened, and ordering a daily watch of six men to be maintained. In rapid succession ordinances are made requiring vagabonds and idle persons to leave the town; ordering the tenant of the Sciennes to remove, so that, if the sickness increase, the infected people may be placed there; appointing a master cleanser of the people cured of the pest, with an assistant; authorising the purchase of a caldron for cleansing the foul goods, and the furnishing of all other necessaries "for the clene and foull mure." Then, on 26th November, forty bolls of meal are ordered to be bought, and sent to Leith for distribution among the poor and sick persons on the Links. On 7th January 1574-5, the house on the Links of Leith, called Little London, is directed to be cleansed, the "clengit folkis of the said linkis" are appointed to be placed in it, and a watch is ordered to prevent any unauthorised persons resorting to the house, under penalty of death. On the 18th of February, the pest having been removed, the cleansers and folks upon the mure are ordered to be brought home, and the timber of the lodges, the caldron and other things provided by the town in connection with the sickness, are appointed to be taken away. Six years later, viz., in September 1580, a minute of council refers to the reappearance of the plague, which had been brought in a ship from Danskin. The infected people were placed in St Colm's Inch, and cleansers were appointed to them, but the infected persons died, and enactments were made for the support and payment of the cleansers. On 3d October a minute refers to another arrival of infected persons from Danskin and from Bruges. Two days later, three

persons, who had been confined to their lodgings under suspicion of being infected, were ordered to be put at liberty; and on the 14th of the same month, the conservator of Scotch privileges at Campvere was required to take steps to prevent infected persons coming to Scotland from Maine and other parts of Flanders; proclamation was also ordered to be made at Leith against the transport of persons from these places to that port. Nothing farther appears in the records on this subject till 24th July 1584, when reference is made to the reported outbreak, in the town of Wester Wemyss, of plague carried thither in infected goods from Flanders. Proclamation is accordingly made against the importation into Edinburgh or Leith from any part of Flanders of goods by which infection may be carried; and all persons arriving from that country are required to report themselves for inspection before going among the lieges. On 14th August, a collection is ordered to be made on behalf of the people of Wemyss, where the pestilence is understood to be great. On the 26th of the same month, a watch is appointed to be stationed on the shore of Leith to examine all persons arriving there; and boats are prohibited from landing between Queensferry and Leith, except at the latter port. On 19th September, all communication with Dysart, Kirkcaldy, and Wemyss is prohibited, and on 24th September, this prohibition is extended to St Johnston, in which it is said the pest is "laitlie brokin up." On 23d December 1584, a collection is appointed to be made on behalf of the burgh of St Johnston, and, on 6th January 1584-5, this collection appears to have produced £261, 17s. 2d. No outbreak of the plague in Edinburgh appears to have taken place till April 1585, when a woman died of a disease which excited suspicion, and led to various houses being placed under surveillance. The death from plague of two other persons in one of these houses, on 9th May, led to the removal of the survivors to the neighbourhood of St. Roque's Chapel, and the placing them under inspection. The house in which the deaths took

place was cleansed, and other precautions were adopted. On the following day, cleansers were appointed to be in readiness, and a watch was posted at each of the two open ports; and, on 12th May, clothing was provided for the cleansed folks, and temporary dwellings were erected for them at the Sciennes. Six days later, five or six lodges were ordered to be put up on the Mure to accommodate those who might be sent there; and, on 19th May, three persons were appointed for each quarter of the town, to aid the bailies in supervising their respective districts. Daily meetings of the council were also ordered to be held "after the prayers and sermon." On the 20th and 21st of May, a caldron and other furnishings were ordered for cleansing operations, with a pair of irons and shackles for punishing offenders; and on the latter day, a man and two women were ordered to be put to the knowledge of an assize on a charge of having knowingly concealed the existence of the plague amongst them. The latter order concludes with the stern words, "and being fund culpabill in any poynt of the premisses, to be immediately execut to the deyth at the stray mercat," emphasised by the appointment of a man "to be executioner of the foul folk, and all such as shall be convict for breaking of the burgh laws and the statutes of burgh." The anxiety of the town's people at this period did not prevent them from aiding the afflicted inhabitants of St Johnston, for whom £244, 13s. 10d. were collected. An act of 24th May refers to those "that ar steiket up in the Water of Leyth, and hes nocht of thair awin," and ordains the treasurer "to furneis all necessaris to thame." It alludes also to the daily and nightly occupation of the bailies in suppressing sickness and helping the poor and sick. From this time onward to December the records are filled with acts relating to the state of the town, disorganised as it was by the ravages of the plague. The students attending the college had taken fright and left the town; the clerk of the kirk evidently also contemplated removal, and one of the bailies was directed to entreat him to remain in his office, "notwithstanding this perrilous tyme," and to in-

crease his yearly stipend by £10. An act of 25th June, proceeding on the narrative "that the nychtbouris ar past furth of the toun, and hes left the samyn desolat, and thair buithis and howssiss in daynger of brekking be lymmers," appointed twenty-four persons to keep watch and guard, one-half by day and the other half by night. On 10th August, all meetings of the people on the streets or at the heads of closes, by which infection might be spread, were prohibited. On 17th September, four Flemish cleansers and curers of the pest were appointed to be sustained upon the town's expenses for fifteen days, "to give pruif of their knawlege and airt." On the 22d of the same month, the council,—acknowledging the service rendered to the town by James Henryson, surgeon, who had himself contracted the sickness, and lost his wife by the plague,—exempted him from all future taxations and extents to be levied within the burgh. A letter from the King to the council, dated at Stirling, on 22d September 1585, refers to the pestilence as having infected a great part of the inhabitants, and carried off some of the bailies, councillors, and other officers of the burgh. An act dated 5th November, referring to the fact that, notwithstanding orders to the contrary, a great number of persons partly infected, and certain others upon suspicion of being infected, come to the streets and meet their neighbours, whereby the sickness is increased, ordains all clean persons, who are appointed to keep their houses, to remain therein for the time so ordained, and all such as are foul to be executed. An act dated 17th December, refers to the number of infected persons as being greatly diminished. And another act, of the 22d of the same month, directs all goods which have been or still are suspected of infection, though they may have been cleansed, to be laid out in the open air "to tak the air of the froste, nichtlie or daylie, quhill the samyn may be jugeit furth of suspitioun." The act contains farther stringent orders for the cleansing of all suspected goods, and the adoption of other measures fitted to diminish or prevent infection. An act, dated 19th

January 1585-6, refers to the sickness as "beand removet in the mercie of God."

The Records during the period included in this volume show frequent interference on the part of the Government—both that of the Regent and of the King—with the free election of the magistrates and office-bearers of the burgh. On one or two occasions the town council resisted, and asserted their right to elect their own magistrates; but usually they yielded to the dictation of the Government—in some cases protesting that compliance should not prejudice the liberties of the burgh, in others without offering remonstrance, or protest of any kind. The unsettled condition of the times, no doubt, gave colour to the excuse with which the Crown usually accompanied its behests; but there can be no doubt that King James needed little excuse at any time for pushing as far as possible the assertion of royal prerogative. Of such interference with elections examples may be seen under date 4th October 1575, and 6th October 1579. But, on the other hand, a royal letter, dated 30th September 1576, recognised the right of the burgesses to choose their own magistrates and office-bearers. On 20th September 1578, the whole body of the citizens, convened by the council to consider a royal missive in which the election of particular individuals to the magistracy appear to have been required, boldly asserted the right of the burgesses, under the charters of the burgh, to elect their own magistrates, and their declinature to yield to royal interference in such a matter. The King still pressed his demand, but the council refused, and elected a provost and magistrates of their own choice. On 27th September 1582, His Majesty contented himself with appealing to his faithful subjects to elect such persons as would have regard to his authority and service.

Frequent disputes occurred, during the period with which this volume deals, between the merchants and the craftsmen in regard to the share which the latter were to be allowed to have in the administration of the

affairs of the burgh. These disputes culminated in the municipal election on 2d October 1582, and resulted in a popular tumult which called for the exercise of the royal authority. On the same day a royal proclamation ordained the provost and magistrates, who had been elected on the previous day, to hold office for the year, "without preiudice of the richt, libertie or priuelege, ather of the craftismen or merchandis of the said burgh in tyme cuming." The merchants and craftsmen were also required to nominate each party twelve persons, not privy councillors, and to deliver their names to the King, with a view to his choosing three on each side to whom the whole differences between the merchants and craftsmen should be referred—His Majesty to act as oversman, with advice of his council, in case of difference of opinion. In obedience to this mandate, each of the parties nominated arbiters, who, after full inquiry and deliberation, drew up articles for the settlement of the controversies. But these articles the craftsmen would not accept. The King therefore called the contending parties before him in February 1582-3 and required them to submit all their differences to the arbiters previously named, and to His Majesty as oversman, and to abide by the decision which they might pronounce. This both the parties agreed to do, and, on 22d April 1583, the arbiters, with the King as oversman, issued their decree-arbitral, which practically settled all the questions that had for so lengthened a period been the subject of bitter controversy between the merchants and craftsmen of the burgh.

Though the King had thus effectually interfered to adjust the differences between the merchants and craftsmen, he did not, in the election of the magistrates at Michaelmas 1583, leave the council to exercise their own choice, in the manner prescribed by the decree-arbitral. On the contrary, he required them to elect certain merchants and craftsmen to be of the council, and named the persons whom he wished to be appointed provost and bailies. The council deputed two of their number to carry a letter to the King, in which

they desired "His Grace to consider thair privileges and acts of parliament, and quhow perilous it is in the begynning to brek ony poynt of the decreitt gevin in be his Majestie." But the appeal was unsuccessful, and the council gave effect to the royal command,—ordaining "that the admissioun suld stand as gif it had past be way of electioun, and the act to beir that thai wer electit and chosin." In like manner, on 6th October 1584, the King required the council to elect the Earl of Arran, chancellor, to be provost for the ensuing year, and the several other persons whom he named to be bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer. The council, accordingly, altered the leets which they had formerly agreed upon, and elected the King's nominees. So also, in October 1585, after the council had elected William Little to be provost, a royal letter was produced, in obedience to which, notwithstanding the previous election of Little, the Earl of Arran was reappointed provost. Previous to the 24th of November, however, the earl had fallen under the royal displeasure, and the council, with continued subserviency, resolved on that day to approach the King desiring his goodwill and favour in the election of another provost, and also authority to the town to supply a vacancy among the bailies. Two days afterwards his Majesty signified his desire that William Little should be elected provost. The vacancy in the bailieship he remitted to the council themselves to fill up. Little was therefore appointed provost, and the Earl of Arran was formally deposed. In the following year Little was re-elected, without any apparent intervention on the part of the King.

The position of Edinburgh as the capital, and the frequent residence of the sovereign at Holyrood, drew to the city many distinguished strangers, ambassadors and visitors from other courts. These the magistrates not unfrequently entertained. In those days also the sovereign seems to have considered it not inconsistent with the royal dignity to impose upon the town the duty of showing hospitality to his visitors. On 7th June 1576, the council appointed a banquet to be given to certain gentlemen from Bohemia, who had

arrived on a mission to the King. The cost of the banquet appears to have been £77, 13s. 4d. On 21st July 1579, the council learning that certain gentlemen from Germany were expected to arrive in Edinburgh, and that the King wished them to be honourably received, appointed lodging and other necessary things to be prepared for them, and resolved that they should be "sufficiently entertenit on the tounis chargis." On the 21st of the following month, also, the council had presented to them a writing from the King, then in Stirling, requiring them to entertain the English ambassador, who was about to arrive in Scotland. On 8th January 1583-4, £162, 6s. 9d. were allowed in the accounts of the city treasurer for the previous year as the expenses of a banquet to the French ambassador. On 14th June 1585, the council resolved to entertain the Danish ambassadors with spice and wine, and appointed a deputation to welcome the strangers. A month later, letters were ordered to be dispatched to the lord provost, the Earl of Arran (who was also Lord Chancellor), and to the town of Dundee, "to travell that for the weill of the estait of burrowes and honour of the realme the imbassadouris of Denmark may be more honerablie interteneit and better luiket vpoun." On 15th May 1587, the town entertained the King and nobility to a banquet at the Market Cross,—the cost of which amounted to £30, 10s. 8d. On 28th June 1588, again, the King "earnestly desired" the town to entertain, for fifteen or twenty days, two sisters of the Duke of Lennox who had recently arrived from France. The magistrates endeavoured to escape from the expense, pleading "the toun's greitt burdings in His Graces effaires;" but His Majesty gave them to understand that noncompliance would incur his sovereign displeasure. In these circumstances they chose the lesser of two evils, and consented to bear the expense to an amount not exceeding five hundred merks. Whether this limitation commended itself to King James does not appear, but, on 3d July, three members of council were appointed to contract for the "entertainment" of the ladies, "als guid cheip as thai may." On 2d

August and 11th September 1588, reference is made to a banquet by the town to the ambassador of the King of Navarre,—the cost of which seems to have amounted to £116, 19s. 4d.; and on 29th May 1589, the council agreed, at the request of the King, "to mak ane honest moderatt bankett to the imbassadouris come from certane townies in Holand, in Nicol Vddert's new howse, on Sonday at even nixttocum, or soner gif the cause requyre."

These records also furnish some details as to the reception, in 1579, of the King, who had accepted the government of the realm in his own person, and had resolved, with the advice of the privy council, to transfer his residence from Stirling to Edinburgh. In anticipation of that event, the town council, on 20th August, ordained a cupboard of silver gilt—consisting of the several articles described in the minute—to be prepared as a present to his Majesty, and to meet the expense it was resolved on the 27th of that month to lay an extent of £4000 upon all the neighbours, merchants, and craftsmen. On the 4th of September a deputation, including one of the ministers of the town, was appointed to "vesie the maister of the Hie Scoles tragedies to be maid be the bairnis agane the Kingis heir cuming."[1] On the 11th of the same month, every merchant extented at £10 and upwards was ordered to provide himself with a gown of fine "blak chamlett of silk of cierge, barrit with veluous efferand to his substance." Such as were extented above £16 were required to have gowns of the "lyke stuff, the breistis thairof lynit with veluous and begaireit thairwith, with cotis of veluous damest or satene;" and each defaulter was subjected to a penalty of £20, to be applied to the public works. The craftsmen were also appointed to be similarly provided. Three days later, minute directions appeared as to the liveries to be provided for the macer of the council and the thirteen city

[1] The King, it will be remembered, was not thirteen years of age at this time.

officers and orders were given to provide "ane paill of blew veluett of sevintene elnis of purpour and lynit within with reid tafatie." The Over and Nether Tolbooth and the Laigh Councilhouse were ordered to be washed with chalk, and a Frenchman was appointed to be consulted as to the device of "the triumphe agane the King's heir cuming." On 2d October, certain persons were ordained to "tak ordour with the wrychtis for vpsetting of daillis and vther tymmer on the Nether Bow, and vther places neidful, for the decoring of the toune." On 7th October, thirty-two burgesses were appointed to carry the King's pall, and the dress which they were to wear was carefully prescribed,—failure to provide it being punished by a fine of £40. All filth and obstructions on the High Street or closes were ordered to be removed, under penalty of £5, and imprisonment till paid. On the 14th of the same month the inhabitants were ordered to hang their stairs with tapestry and arras work. On the 16th the King made his entry. "He come furthe of Dalkeith," says *Moysie's Memoirs*, "quhair he had bein at bankit four days of befoir; he enterit at the West Poirt, quhair he was met be the honest men of the toun cled in silk gounis lynit with weluet, to the number of j^c., vsing sick ceremonies as wes requirit for a prince."[1] On the 20th of the same month the magistrates presented the King with the cupboard, and other articles before referred to.[2]

The unsettled state of the country during the period with which this volume deals, necessitated the frequent establishment of a strong watch at the ports by day, and in the several quarters of the city by night. This watch sometimes consisted of men hired by the town, but more frequently of citizens,

[1] A detailed account of the reception will be found in Maitland's *History of Edinburgh*, pp. 37-38, and in Documents relative to the Reception at Edinburgh of the Kings and Queens of Scotland, 1561-1650, pp. 30-31. Arnot, in his *History of Edinburgh*, devotes only six lines to the subject.

[2] *Moysie's Memoirs*, p. 25. The value of the cupboard was estimated to be six thousand marks, or £1000 Scots.

called out in rotation by the bailie of each quarter or officers specially appointed for the purpose. To such watches reference is made in acts dated 9th January 1576-7, 16th April, 18th May, 28th July, and 12th August 1578, 31st January 1578-9, 2d and 16th November and 2d December 1580, 26th October 1582, 7th October 1583, 22d July 1584, 31st January 1587-8, and 11th May 1588. But in addition to the duty which every burgess had thus to undertake, he was also liable to be called on to guard the Sovereign, whose frequent residence in Holyrood exposed the citizens of the capital to numerous calls of this nature. Illustrations of this will be found in acts dated 18th January, and 10th and 20th February 1580-1, 21st November 1582, 26th November 1583, 24th March 1583-4, and 30th October 1584. There were, moreover, numerous demands upon the city to furnish men for the performance of special military duties and contingents to the national forces, whenever the exigencies of the times required. Examples of these will be seen on 5th May 1579, when the town was required to send its whole available force to the siege of Hamilton on 18th January 1580-81, when it had to provide one hundred hagbutteris to convey the Earl of Morton a prisoner to Dumbarton;[1] and, on 21st April 1584, when five hundred persons were appointed to proceed with the King to Stirling, to protect his Majesty and to assert the royal authority. The proper performance of such duties necessitated military training, and the providing, by every burgess, of arms befitting his means and position. The possession of these, and of the necessary skill to use them, were evidenced by public weaponshawings, to which frequent references are made in acts of Council and Parliament. Of the former, the acts

[1] On 2d June 1581, the council understanding the Earl "is to be execut to the deid after none, for certain crymes of lese majesty," appointed, for the honour of the town, that the lockman should be provided with a new garment and stand of clothes of the town's livery. On 14th December 1582, a royal letter ordained the Earl's head to be taken down from the Old Tolbooth and buried.

dated 17th March 1573-4, 5th August 1584, and 15th July 1587, are illustrations.

This volume also contains a good deal of information as to the provision made by the town council for education in the burgh. In 1577, the High School was conducted in a building rented from Archibald Stewart (who was elected lord provost in the following year), but complaint was made that the structure was not water-tight, wind-tight, or lockfast. The owner was accordingly ordered to put it in repair before winter, "sua that the bairns sit warm and dry," and failing this being done, the treasurer of the city was directed to make the requisite repairs, and to deduct the cost from the rent. But, on 29th January 1577-8, the council resolved to build a high school in the Blackfriar kirkyard, and, on 16th February, ordered the building to be ready for "receiving of the youth" prior to the following Whitsunday. The cost of the new building was, on 10th May 1578, appointed to be raised by an extent on the inhabitants. On 9th July, its windows were directed to be stanchelled with iron, and, on 6th August, a wright was employed to roof the school. An act of Council, dated 13th February 1578-9, shows that the new school was not occupied till Whitsunday 1579, and that the rent of the old school, due at Martinmas 1578 and Whitsunday 1579, was ordered to be paid. On 10th April 1579, William Robertson, "maister of the New Hie Scole, callyt the Grammer Scole of this burgh," undertook to keep the building wind and water-tight, receiving from each pupil twopence at each term of Whitsunday and Martinmas, for the "male and uphald of the said scole, yeirlie, in all necessaris foresaid, and as he presently resauis the samyn." In the following month he, and the "instructors or doctors" of the school, complained of the insufficiency of their remuneration, and threatened to leave, but were induced to remain under an arrangement by which the fees were increased, and all other persons were prohibited from teaching, except when admitted by the magistrates and council after examination, with advice of the

ministers of the burgh. On 11th June, Robertson was inducted in the new school, but seems not to have attended to necessary repairs, for, on 4th March 1579-80, the city treasurer was ordered to get these made at the master's expense. On 27th March 1584, the master had become unable to exercise his office, and a committee was appointed to confer with him as to the terms on which he would renounce it. The result of this negotiation was that, on 3d April, the council agreed to give him a retiring allowance of two hundred merks, payable quarterly out of the common good. Hercules Rollock was appointed to succeed him, under conditions which practically secured him a monoply of the teaching of grammar in the town. These are detailed in an act of council, dated 14th August 1584. The continuance of this monoply is shown by an act of 26th February 1588-9. On 1st September 1587, there is an entry as to a serious outbreak in the school. Not only did the scholars "hald the schole aganis thair maister, bot als maist prowdlie and contemptuously held the same aganis my lord provost and the bailyeis." The result was that the magistrates had to break in the door and capture the building by force. The scholars were found to be armed "with pistols, swords, halberts, and uther wawpouns and airmour." No loss of life and no serious damage to person or property appears to have taken place. The master was left to exercise befitting discipline, and the liberty of the scholars was curtailed.

Provision was made during this period for the teaching of French. On 3d September 1574, arrangements were made with a Frenchman to teach reading, writing, the French language, arithmetic, and "laying of compte," a fee of 25s. a year being paid to the teacher for each pupil, besides an annual salary of £20. This school appears to have been in operation on 25th June 1578. A song school also appears to have been maintained, along with a number of others, reference to which, under the name of "lecture schools," is made in an act of 7th December 1586.

Many entries also occur in this volume as to the establishment of the

College of Edinburgh. Previous to the Reformation, Robert Reid, Bishop of Orkney, had bequeathed eight thousand merks for the endowment of a university in Edinburgh, but no steps appear to have been taken to carry out that object till 1561, when the subject was revived. Payment of the bishop's legacy was not obtained till 1582; but, in 1563, the council acquired a considerable part of the ground and buildings of the Kirk of Field, either for an hospital or a university.[1] Nothing further of a definite character appears to have been done till 24th April 1579, when the town council appointed a committee to confer with Clement Little and Alexander Sym, advocates, "for taking of ordour anentis the founding of ane universitie." The result of this movement appears to have been that the council resolved to begin the work, but that it was delayed through the influence of the Archbishop of St Andrews and the Bishop of Aberdeen, who apprehended that the establishment of a college at Edinburgh would injure the universities of St Andrews and Aberdeen. In 1581, however, that obstruction was removed; the council acquired, and obtained confirmation by the Crown of their right to, the provostry of the Kirk of Field;[2] they also acquired contiguous buildings, which had formerly belonged to the Duke of Chatelherault; and progress was made, by adapting for the purposes of a college buildings already existing, and by erecting others of a very humble description. The undertaking thus commenced received the royal sanction by a charter under the Great Seal, dated 14th April 1582, and ratified by parliament in 1621. On 5th April 1583 the council ordered six hundred merks to be employed "upon the bigging and founding" of the college. On the 26th of the same month they appointed

[1] *Extracts from Council Records*, vol. iii., pp. 163-182. In this place Lord Darnley met his death on the 10th of February 1567-8, having been blown up with gunpowder in a house which was afterwards acquired by the town (pp. 557, 559-560), repaired and appropriated as the residence of the principal of the college.

[2] Page 560.

two masters of work "to the building of the wallis of the college." On 27th July farther sums, the proceeds of an extent, were ordered to be similarly applied. On 17th September £20 were authorised to be paid to Mr Robert Rollok,[1] "quha is to be maister and regent of the college, and that for making his expenssis to transport himself, his buikis and guidis, and vpsetting of his chalmer." On 4th October £11 were ordered to be paid "for outredding of the twa privie seillis,—ane of the lettere of the erectioun of the college, and ane vther of ane lettere concerning the provostrie of the Kirk of Feild." On the 9th of the same month a bailie was commissioned to pass to the King in regard, among other things, to the college. On 11th October proclamation was ordered to be made, warning all scholars and students who were to enter the college, to come to a bailie and give up their names, with a view to order being taken for "thair placeing and instructing." On the 16th of the same month two of the council were ordered to convene "vpoun Sonday nixt afternone the persouns quha wes nominatt to sett downe and devyse the ordour of teacheing, with the discypline to be keipit in the college now erectit, and to se that this mater be putt to ane guid poynt." On the 25th of October the treasurer of the city was ordained to furnish the college with a "sufficient skellet bell;" and, on the 30th of the same month, an interesting act prescribes the terms on which students were to be provided with sleeping accommodation in the college. The sons of burgesses were to provide their own beds without payment, taking them away with them when they left. On 8th November Mr Duncan Nairn was appointed second master in the college, with a stipend of forty merks a-year, and an allowance of £20 for board till 2d February. On the same day all the students were ordered to remain "nichtlie in thair chalmeris," and also to wear gowns, under pain of removal

[1] Rollok had for several years been professor of humanity in St Salvator's College, St Andrews, and at the time of his appointment to Edinburgh in March 1583, was professor of philosophy in that college.

from the college if they disobeyed either order. On 13th December the loft or gallery in the east end of the High Kirk was set apart for the students and masters. On 30th October 1584, a committee was appointed to confer with Mr Robert Rollok "for taking up ane howse and tabill in the college." On 17th March 1584-5, an extent of £380 was ordered to be levied for the work of the college. On 23d April 1585, the two bells of the college being broken, were appointed to be made into one bell, and orders were given to enclose the college with walls. On 9th February 1585-6, a letter constituting Rollok first and principal master of the college was read and ordered to be signed by the provost, bailies, and town clerk, and the seal of council was appointed to be appended to the document. On 17th October 1586, after public disputations, Mr Adam Colt and Mr Alexander Scrymgeour were selected for the appointment of regents, and £10 was ordered to be paid to each of them to cover expenses till Alhallomas. Each of the other four candidates was ordered to be paid £10 towards his expenses. On 27th August 1587, reference was made to the completion by the Principal of a course of philosophy, and it was deemed expedient that he should begin and teach theology. But as to this the presbytery were ordered to be consulted. On 8th November 1587, Mr Philip Hislop, who had been educated in the college, was appointed one of the regents, and three stranger scholars, who had also competed for the appointment, were ordered to be paid £10 each.

The present volume contains numerous enactments in relation to the clergy of the city—their appointment, the providing of houses for them, the raising of moneys for their support, by taxation and voluntary contributions, and the collection and application towards the same object of the feu-duties, ground-annuals, and other sums which had previously belonged to the priests, monks, friars, and prebendaries. Frequent acts also appear as to the poor, and as to providing for their relief in a variety of ways,—by collections at the church doors, by the imposition of a weekly tax according to the discretion of the

bailies and council, by licensing begging only by such persons as were provided by the magistrates with badges, and by the levying of a uniform weekly rate from all the neighbours, merchants and craftsmen. Concurrently with these efforts to provide for the honest poor of the town, stringent orders were from time to time issued against sturdy beggars and others not connected with the city, who were from time to time required to leave, under pain of sharp punishment.

During the period to which this volume relates, the magistrates and council seem to have usually met twice a-week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, at ten o'clock. Nonattendance was punished by a fine of eighteenpence, which was given to the poor; and an act of 8th October 1574 required each councilor to bring with him a "syde goun of lak." On 11th December 1576 it was ordered that, in the absence of the provost, the bailie for the week should preside. On 20th November 1579, it was ordered that the minute of each meeting should be read over before the council dissolved. On 4th October 1581, the council bell was appointed to be rung a quarter of an hour before each meeting, and every absentee at the ceasing of the bell was subjected to a fine of eighteenpence, absentees for the whole day being liable to a fine of five shillings, unless exempted by the provost and bailies. On 17th October 1582, the scale of fines was altered. Out of these fines and other proceeds, the council were provided with lunch, the expense of which the collectors were ordered to pay on 8th November 1583. On 7th August 1584, a third meeting in each week was appointed to be held, on Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock; absentees from the meetings being subject to the same fines as on ordinary council days. On 18th November 1584, a new scale of fines was enacted. On 19th May 1585, it was resolved, in consideration of the apparent increase of the plague, that the council should meet every day after prayers and sermon. On 25th October 1587, the council resolved, "for the honestie and gravitie requyrit in thair calling," that after Martinmas they should con-

vene "cled with gownis in maist decent maner and nocht with cloikis," according to the acts previously made.

Frequent references also occur in this volume to a variety of matters, to which only allusion can be made. Among these are, the price and quality of wines, and the weight and price of bread; the conditions of the admission of burgesses and guild brethren; the cleansing of the streets and closes; the water supply and the means adopted in times of drought to preserve it for domestic use; the production, by "outland" persons seeking employment as servants, of certificates of life and character from the ministers of the town or shire in which they had lived; the prohibition of the employment of women servants in drinking booths, and of any burgess or guild brother holding more than one tavern or booth; the order on the townspeople to attend their own parish kirks; the proper observance of the Sabbath; the election by the neighbours of each quarter of a merchant and craftsmen for each fifty, to command them and see that they were properly armed; the division of the inhabitants into thirties, with two—a merchant and craftsman—to command each thirty; the division of the town into four parishes, each having its own church, and each church its own reader; and the election by the council, with the advice of the ministers, of three elders and four deacons for each parish, who, with the council, should take order as to the correction of manners and support of the poor; the appointment of visitors of quarters, and their duties; the printing of Bibles in the town, and the requirement that every householder should be provided with a copy. Of these, and many other details of the daily life of the citizens in the latter half of the sixteenth century, the present volume affords abundant illustration.

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EXTRACTS

FROM THE

RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF EDINBURGH.

13 *November* 1573.

ALEXANDER VDDERT, Henry Nisbet, and Symoun Marioribankis, baillies, William Lytill, [and ten others,] of the counsale, and James Ros, thesaurer, efter avisement with the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be Robert Drummond, gyld officer, granting him to be penitent for the creuall striking of his wyffe to the effusioun of hir blude, and all vther offenssis committit be him to thair lordshipis and all vtheris, and to be in thair willis thairfor, being put to libertie furth of waird, fyndis and deliueris that the said Robert salbe put to libertie, and becaus of his lang wikitnes and monyfald offenssis committit be him, and oft tymis pardonit, na amendment following, thay all in ane voce depose and dischargis the said Robert Drummond of all offices, feis, and dewiteis he hes had of thame or of the kirk in ony tyme past, and resauis and admyttis in his place Jhonne Smyth, cramer, as thair gild and kirk seriand, and ordanis the thesaurer to ansuer him of the feis and dewiteis wsit and wont, quhilk salbe allouit in his compttis.

Drummond, gild seriand, deposit.

Smyth, gild seriand, admittit.

Villa, Mowbray.

The baillies and counsale granttis licence to Robert Mowbray in Leyth, with his wyf, bairnys, and familie, to remane and duell, because of his wyffis greit seiknes, in the said toun of Leyth quhill Witsounday nixt, and the said Robert actis himself, vnder the pane of j^{c} merkis, to cum and duell in this toun at the said feist of Wytsounday, and in the meantyme to taxt and stent with the gude toun vnder the pane foresaid.

Ros, thesaurer, villa, thesaurer.

The baillies and counsale foresaid ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, with all deligence possebill, to dampt and hald in the North Loch to the hieast clouse, to eik, mend, and repair the mettis and messouris of the toun and of Leith, to inquyer for the auld and mak new, to repair and mend the wyndois at the laich tolbuith, and glas, breddis and saittis, and all vther necessars; and the samyn salbe allowit in his compttis.

17 *November* 1573.

Breid.

The baillies and counsale hes statute and ordanit that the iiij d. lait be weill baikin and dryit, gude and sufficient stuf, wey and keip the pace of xiij vnce, and that in rispect the quheit is sauld of iij lib. the boll.

25 *November* 1573.

Villa, schoir, etc.

[The bailies, councillors, dean of guild, treasurer and deacons of crafts,] efter lang resonyng vpoun the forther reparing and completing of the schoir and bulwark, vnderstanding the gift grantit to thame be oure Soveraine Lord for vplifting of certane of every x last of gudes, to that effect to ryn furth and tak end the saxt of December next, fyndis gude, and all in ane voce consentis maist ernistly to desyer and requeist my Lord Regentis Grace for renewing of the said gift for vther thrie yeiris next efter the said saxt of December, and concludis and ordanis that only the contributioun and takis to be lifted of the saidis schippis to be wairit vpoun the reparing of the said bulwark and schoir, and nane of thair commoun gude to be wairit thairvpoun, with certificatioun to thair successouris that gif thay at ony tyme heirefter ordane the commoun gude to be disponit to that effect, na allowance salbe thairof, bot the disponaris,

for releve of the said commoun gude, salbe haldin to pay the samyn of thair awin proper gudes.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynnis, vnderstanding the greit danger that all our Souerane Loirdis lieges are intill havand remanyng passage or resoirting in the commoun passage of the Overbow, be the ruynous and decayit gallery of Jhonne Lawsoun of Hieriggis at the nethir end of his greit biging, ordanis officiaris as of befoir to charge him with all diligence possible to tak doun the same, sua that the Kingis lieges be hairmeles thairof, with certificatioun, and geve he failye within xlviij houris nixt efter his chairge, that nocht onlie for the recompance of the damynage that salhappin salbe askit and requyrit at his hand, but alsua the said hous salbe taikin doun vpoun his double expenssis, becaus he hes bene oft tymes chairgit heirto of befoir and refusit; and siclike to charge him within the said space to remove and tak away his houssis quhilk he is now biggand vpoun the tovnes commoun passage outwith the West Poirt foirnent his sclait barn, vnder the pane foirsaid and for the cause abouementionat. Villa, Lawsoun.

John Hairt in the Canogait, being callit and accusit be James Ros, thesaurer, for the blasphemous and evill wordis spoken of the juges and nychtbouris of this burgh, confest and grantit that the tovne of Edinburg had left thair tovne thryse, and that it was ane meschant deid to leve thair tovne as thay did, bot he spak it nocht of evill mynde to haif bene careit to the counsale, and Alexander Vddart, baillie, protestit for remeid quhen tyme sould serue, and askit instrumentis of the said Jhonis confessioun. Villa, Hairt, Canogait.

The baillies and counsall ordanis maister Jhonn Prestoun, maister Michaell Chisholme, and Adame Foullartoun, to assist Robert Cuninghame in collecting of the annuelis, and ordouring of his comptes and inbringing of the sovmes restand for the ministrie. Cuninghame, Ministrie.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, with all dili- Villa, thesaurer.

Villa, thesaurer.

gence possible to dam and had in the North Locht to the vmest hous, to repair the windois in the heche and laicht tolbuyth and clarkis chalmer, to by ane chymna for the laich counsalhous, to furneis stringis, yrne wark, and vther necessaris to the over trone, to repair and mend the metis and mesoures of this tovne and Leyth, and to set vp ane stoup in the fischemercat for joggis; and the expensis to be debursit be him thairvpoun salbe allowit in his comptis.

2 *December* 1573.

Statuta, aikerris.

[The bailies, councillors, treasurer, and dean of guild] statutis and ordanis that in all tymes heirefter, euerye yeir vpoun Mertymes evin, quhen the commoun gude of the toun salbe rouppit, the possessouris and occupearris of the townys aikerris sal be callit be the rentell buke, pay thair dewtie, and be inquyrit gyf thair kyllis and barnys be biggit gude and sufficient, and gyf thay have maid the commoun mylnis the year before worth fyve pund of multer according to the acts maid thairvpoun and thair infeftmentis, and quha that enteris nocht to satifie the gude toun and fermoraris of thair dewteis to be callit the nixt law day to heir thame be decernit to haue tynt thair rycht of the saidis aikerris, and this act to be obseruit in all tymes cuming.

Linkis.

My Lord Lindesay, prouest, baillies, dene of gild, counsale and dekynnis of craftis settis to maister William Balfoure in Leyth the Links of Leyth and thair West Linkis betuix Sanct Nycholace chapell and Weirdy Brow, for the space of thre yeris nixt efter the feist of Mertymes last, payand thairfor yeirlie xxv merkis.

11 *December* 1573.

Protestatio, Quhyte.

In presens of the provest, baillies, and counsall, comperit maister James Quhyte, prebendar of Coristorphin, and desyrit the sovme of four scoir pundis acclamit of thame be Robert Douglas, provest of Coristorphin, as the pensioun awand be the gude tovne to the College and Convent of Coristorphin, in respect the samyn, as the said maister James allegit, was awand to him and the remanent prebendaris.

In presens of my loird Lyndesay, provest, [bailies, council, etc.] comperit James Inglis [and three others], hailing commissoun and taking the bourding on thame for the remanent merchantis of this burgh, and producit the supplicatioun following, bering that of laitt it was cum to thair knawlege, from thair factouris and vtheris in Flanderis, that the haill scheip skynnis, transportit furth of this realm, did want, be the subtilitie and falset of the fleschouris, the quarter of ane skyn with the woll cuttit round about the nek and sua forduart to the birsynet, the ox and cow hyde so cuttit and carteylit (?) as an greit pairt thairof did laik, quhilk falset, knawin in the pairtis foirsaidis, did engender and rais sic schamefull brute as did redound to the infamy of the haill natioun, and siclike that the saidis fleschouris, be thair subtilitie and craft, did cutt, steill, and tak away from euery carkache of beif presentit to the mercat almaist half quarter of flesche, to the greit hurt of our Soueraine Lordis liegis, quhairfor thay, for thame-selves and the name of the remanent merchantis as said is, desyrit thair loirdshipis to fynd sic remeid as mycht cutt away sic fraudfill schiftis, the schame and sclander, laid vpoun the haill natioun thairthrouch, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun; quhilk sene and considerit, the said provest, baillies, and counsall, and thairwith being rypelie avysitt, the dekyn and brether of the fleschouris craft being befoir thaime incallit and accuse of the falset and crymes abouewrittin, and be tham vtterlie denyit, and for remeid in tymes cuming the said provest, baillies, and counsall causit be red vnto thame the act of parliament maid be our Souerane Lordis mother, off the quhilk the tenour followis :—Item, it is statute and ordanit be our Souerane Lady, with the awyse of the thrie Estaitis, that all beif and muttoun, veill, and lyke bestiall, slane to landwairt and burgh, or presentit to frie burrowis or frie mercatis, bring with thame in al tymes cuming thair hydis, skyn, and birn, vnder the pain of confiscatioun and escheting of siclike bestiall and gudis as wantis the said hyde, skyn, and birn, to be applyit to our Souerane Ladies vse. Quhilk act red and intymeit to the said dekyn of fleschouris, thay ordane him to intymeit and declair to the remanent haill fleschouris of this burgh, commanding and charging thame to obserue and keip the samyn in all poyntis,

Statuta, scheip skynis.

Statuta, scheip skynis.

and to desist and ceis fra all sic falsett in tymes cumying as is aboue-writtin, vnder the paynis of tynsall of thair fredomes and banesching this burgh and libertie thairof, induring the saidis provest, baillies, and counsallis will, and for forther remeid spying and trying of the said falsett they nominat and gevis as cersouris thairof [*blank*] induring thair willis, and ordanis the saidis merchantis to geve to the saidis cerchouris vj d. for the scoir of skynnis that is to be bocht be thame, and that the saidis skynnis be bocht be the awyse of the saidis cersouris, to the quilk cersouris it is ordanit that the copy of this present statute be delyuerit to be intymat and red to the saidis fleschouris, to the effect thay allege or pretend no ignorance thairof in tymes cumying.

16 *December* 1573.

Lord Lindesay, provost, mills.

The baillies and counsale foresaid, togidder with the hale dekynnis of craftis following, taiking the burding vpoun thame for the communitie, that ar to say [here follow names of deacons], declaris that ane noble lord Patrick Lord Lindesay of the Byris, now prouest of Edinburgh, acceptit the said office of prouestrie vpoun him be thair ardent sute and desyre, and that be the acceptatioun thairof throw ony act or deid that he hes done or heirefter sal do as prouest in the common effaris of the said burgh, be rouping of the mylnis thairof, be subscriuing of letter of tak of the sevin mylnis, callit the commoun mylnis, to Nycholace Vddert or ony vtheris, or be assignatioun of the yeirlie deutie of the saidis mylnis to the said Nycholace or ony vtheris, for quhatsumeuir yeir that the samyn dedis, actis, and subscriptioun done or to be done be the said prouest during the tyme of his office of prouestrie, sall in nawyse hurt or preiug the said noble lord nor his air in quhatsumeuir richt, tytill, entres, or profittis, quhilk the said lord effermes and pretendis him to haue of tua of the sevin commoun mylnis, to wyt, of tua of the commoun mylnis lyand vpoun the north syde of the brig of the Watter of Leith.

[Of this date there is recorded a contract between the Town Council

and Nicholas Uddart, burges of Edinburgh, whereby the council] having consideratioun of the greit sovmes of money debursit be the said Nicolas in the avancing and furthsetting of the effaires of the said gude tovne at all tymes, and speciallie the tyme of the last troublis quhen thay war exilit furth of the said gude tovne and alluterlie secludit fra the vptaking of the maillis, fermis, and dewties pertenyng to the samyn, and neuertheles in the menetyme being subiect to greit chargis, the quhilk the said Nicolas outred and avancit vpoun his awin expenssis, and now willing him thairfoir to be recompansit of the expenssis and skaythis sustenit be him, and als for the causis efter specefeit, hes set in tak and assedatioun to the said Nicolas, his airis and assignayis, the sevin commoun mylnis lyand vpoun the Watter of Leyth pertenying to the said gude tovne in heretage, with the haill multeris, suckin, knaveschip, proffeitis, deuties, previleges, commodities or vtheris esiamentis or casualities quhatsumeuer pertenying, or that heirefter ony wayis mycht pertene, vnto the samyn, [and that without payment of any duty to the town].

Contract, Ministers.

In presens of the baillies and counsall, comperit the pairties vnderwritten and desyrit this contract to be insert in thair bukis of counsall, off the quhilk the tenour followes :—At Edinburgh, the penult day of October, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} lxxiij yeris, it is appointit, agreit, and fynaly endit betwix the richt honorabill the provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis of the said burgh, representand the communite of the samyn, and taking the bourding vpon thame for the provest, baillies, counsall, and communite of the said burgh thair successouris in this case in tymes cuming, on that ane pairt, and maister James Lowsoun, thair principall minister, on that vther pairt, in maner following, that is to say : forsamekill as the provost, baillies, counsall and communite forsaid, vnderstanding thameselves to be debtbond and obleist be thair act of counsall of the dait the sevint of November the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} lxxij yeris, to cause cautioun yeirlie be found to thair said minister for payment to him of the sovme of four hundredth merkis money of this realme as for his yeirlie stepend induring his ministrie with thame, and thairfoir be this present causes and hes causit Archibald Stewart, Alexander Vddart, Henry

Contract, Ministers.

Nesbet and Symoun Mariorebankis, baillies of the said burgh, fra this instant yeir vnto the fyft of October the yeir of God j^m v^c lx fourtene yeris, becum actit, lyke as the saides baillies of thair awin consent and fre willis actis thame selves, coniunctlie and severalie, renunceand the benefite of diuisioun, to content and pay to the said minister the sovme of four hundreth merkis, quharof the ane half at Yule nixttocum, the other half at the feist of Lambes nixt thairefter in the yeir of God j^m v^c lxxiiij yeris as said is, and that for his stepend of the said yeir as is above-written. And for the yeris following the said etc. lxxiiij yeris, the said provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis byndis and oblesis thame selves and thair successouris yeirlie to caus the four baillies that salhappin to occupy the office and place of baillierie during the tyme of their offices, to be actit, bound, and obleist, to the said maister James for full payment to him yeirlie of the said sovme of iiij^c merkis sa lang as he remanis thair minister, singill and vnmareit, and quhen it sal pleis him to mary, for euery yeir thairefter to cause the saidis baillies and thair successouris to be actit, bound, and obleist, to mak him gude and thankfull payment of the sovme of sax hundreth merkis yeirlie during the time foresaid: For the quhilk cause the said maister James, principall minister, byndis and oblesis him to mak his residence and remanyng within the said burgh, and nocht to depairt furth of the samyn to remane ony lang tyme without the knawlege of the said provest, baillies, and counsall, and thair licence had and obtenit thairto, sua that the kirk be nocht desolat of preching, ministre, and otheris godlie exercises requisit. . . . .

25 *December* 1573.

Bread.

[Of this date, an act was passed ordaining the "dekyn of baxteris to keip the pace of xvij vnces for vj d., and to resaue new pace on Mononday nixt."]

30 *December* 1573.

Choppis.

The baillies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throughout the tovne be sound of bell, charging all nychtbouris that hes ony choppis

ontuith thair foirlandis to tak doun the samyn betuix and Witsonday nixt, failling than thay salbe tane doun vpoun their double expenssis. Choppis.

6 *January* 1573-4.

In presens of [the council] the euidenttis of the kirk being in the keiping of Andro Stevinsoun, deliuerit to him be freir Jhonnstoun, presentit before the counsale, and deliuerit to Robert Cvninghame, collectour, to be keipit amangis the vther euidenttis of the kirk, and put in register with the rest. Villa, Cuninghame, collectour.

It being knauin to the baillies, counsale, dene of gild, and thesaurer foresaid that the personis appoynttit to the gaddering of the almous for the pure at the kirk duris commonlie fallis in questioun for the eist kirk dur, because it is thocht mair almous to be gotten thair nor at the vther dur, for remeid quhairof, and for the stancheing of sic troublis as hes done apperis, thay ordane the dene of gild in all tymes cuming gyf his directioun to his gyld officer vnto the personis that sall be namyt to gadder the said almous, that sic ane of thame as he sall name collect the almous vpoun the Sounday at the said eist kirk dur, and the vther at the samyn dur the vther tua dayis of thair oulk, and he that gadderit the Sounday befoir to be at the west dur the said tua oulk dayis. For collecting of the almous at the kirk durris.

The baillies and counsall foirsaidis ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to clois and big vp in ferme wall the bak yet of the tovne wall at the College, mend the calsay and passage of the clous at the College yett. Villa, thesaurer.

The bailies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid in Leyth, discharging the aquavite sellaris in Leyth, vnder the paine of escheitt of the samyn. Aquavite dischargitt.

Thomas Weyr is maid burges at the requeist of George Douglas, capitane of the castell of Edinburgh, and the dewtie gevin gratis at the said capitanis requeist. Weyr, burges.

20 *January* 1573-4.

Villa, quarriouris.

It is appoyntitt in presens of the baillies and counsall foirsaid, betuix James Ros, thesaurer, and John Galbrayth, Thomas Mawchline, and Jhonn Wylie, quarriouris, that with all diligence possebill the said quarriouris sall begyn and wyn at Grantoun Craig tua thousand pece stanes betuix ten jege and thrie jege, and to be wyn betuix and Witsonday nixt, for the quhilkis the saidis quarriouris sall haif for euery hunder ouerheid fyve pundis, quhairof presentlie in hand to ane compte fyve pundis, and the saidis quarreouris sall furneis to the said wark sax warkmen quhill the said wark be enditt, and the said thesaurer sall cause lay bak the saidis stanes for thair handis and for euery tua hundreth quhen thay ar won compleit payment according to the ordour aboue-written.

5 *February* 1573-4.

Seid sellaris.

The baillies and counsall foirsaid respecting the previlege and fredome grantit to the frie burgessis of this burgh, and in speciall to the sellaris of seidis quha ar havely hurtt be the vnfriemen occupeand thair libertie quha beris na bourding with the gude tovne, quhairfoir thay discharge all vnfriemen of selling of seidis vpon the hie streitis of this burgh, saif only vpon the thrie previlegitt mercat dayes, viz.: Mononday, Wadnisday, and Fryday vnder the pane of confiscatioun of thair seidis that salbe apprehenditt with thame, and this ordinance to indure during the saidis provest, baillies, and counsallis willis.

12 *February* 1573-4.

[The bailies and council] grantis, consentis, and ordanis that ane extent of fyve hundreth pundis be sett, liftit, and raisitt yeirlie during the counsallis willis for payment of the ministeris and redaris thair fies and dewties; and Dauid Kynloch, [etc.] dekynnis, for thame selves and takand the bourding vpoun thame for the remanent craftis, consentis to the fyft pairt thairof during thair willis, as said is.

19 *February* 1573-4.

[The bailies, councillors, and dean of guild] nominatis the personis following collectouris for the ministeris charge during thair wills, viz.: for the north west, Jhonne Harwood, Eduard Hoip, Robert Cunynghame; for the north eist, James Adameson, Henry Chairteris, Thomas Vaus; for the southeist, Robert Kar, Patrik Cranstoun, Eduard Jhonnstoun; for the southwest, Jhonne Sym, James Forman, George Lufe. Ministers collectors.

The baillies and counsall foirsaid dischargis Jhonne Ramsay als Capitane Ramsay, fermorar, of the dewty of the yeir past, of the sovme of xx lib., and that in respect of the troublis and his tynsall the tyme of the assege of the castell. Villa, Ramsay.

26 *February* 1573-4.

[The bailies, dean of guild, and council] statutis and ordanis that fra this day furth that all quarttis, pynttis, choppynnis, muchkynis, and vtheris mesouris, be of the auld and greit mesour commonlie vsit throughout all the pairttis of this toun, alsuell in merchanttis, craftismannis, and nychtbouris houssis as in the common tavernis and ailhoussis, and that euery mesour haue the townys merk vpoun the lyp, at the vter syde, with the craftismanis markis, makaris thairof, besyde the samyn for the fynes of his stuf, and within the lyp ane plouk tua inche beneth the samyn, and that thir stouppis and mesouris be set to the pipis, puntionis, or barrellis quhair thay sall be brocht for drink, vnder the pane of fyve pundis for the first falt, x lib. for the secund falt, the exscheting of the pece, be it pipe, puntion, or barrell, braiking of thair stouppis, dalying thairof to the pure, and tynsale of thair fredome for the thrid falt, but fauouris. Statuta, mesoris.

The baillies and counsale foresaid ordanis the stentouris to be convenit with thame selffis vpoun Tuisday nixt, for setting of the ministerris stipend. Villa, Ministerris.

3 *March* 1573-4.

Villa, Hendersoun, Sieynis aikeris.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynnis settis in tak and assedatioun thair aikeris at the Grayfreir poirt callit the Sieynis aikeris for the lyftyme of Beatrix Blacader, nun, payand hir yeirlie aucht bollis beir, sax bollis quheit, and efter hir deceis for all the yeris and termes of sevinteen yeris nixt and immediatlie following, payand thairfoir yeirlie to the gude tovne the sovme of tuenty ane pundis, as at lenth is contenit in his assedatioun maid to him thairvpoun.

17 *March* 1573-4.

Villa, Regent, Flandaris.

The baillies and counsale foresaid, vnderstanding oure schippis to be arreistit and troublit in Flanderis be the Prince of Orrenge and his companeis, for remeid quhairof thay ordane Alexander Vddert, baillie, James Ros, thesaurer, and maister Jhonne Prestoun of the counsale to pas to my Lord Regenttis Grace for obtenyng of his writingis to the said Prince in fauouris of the nychtbouris troublit, and for stay of troublis in tymes cuming.

Wappinschewing.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis ane generall wappinschawin to be proclamyt to the xxv day of Maii nixt, and that the hale nychtbouris be furnyst with hagbut, culvering, pyk, speir, and all vther lang wappinis and sufficient armour, ilk persoun vnder the pane of v lib. but fauouris; and this to be proclamyt be souud of tabroun throughout all the pairttis of the toun.

31 *March* 1574.

Villa, thesaurer, schore.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to hyre boittis for bringing of stanys fra Grantoun to the schore of Leyth.

2 *April* 1574.

Proclamatioun, preaching.

The baillies ordanis proclamatioun to be maid, dischargeing all personis of the resort vpoun the hie stretis and commoun venellis the

tyme of the preiching, vnder the pune of pvnisment of thair personis at the juges will.

14 *April* 1574.

The baillies ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that na flesche be sauld nor cittin on Fryday or Setturday within the housis of this tovne, cukes housis or vtheris, vnder the pane of tyve pundis sa oft as ony man beis apprehendit doing in the contrair. Proclamatioun, flesche.

23 *April* 1574.

Jhonne Douglas confest that he resauit his housill in France, and being demandit quhither the mes was idolatrie or nocht, declairit he could geve na ansuer thairto, quhairfoir he was commandit to behave himself quyetlie vnder the paynis contenit in the law quhil thay be farther avysitt. Douglas, papist.

28 *April* 1574.

The baillies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid be the hand bell throuch all the pairtis of this tovne, charging the pvre to convene thame selues in the Gray Freir kirk yaird on Setterday nixt be tua houris efternone, geve vp thair names in writt, that ordour may be takin for their sustentatioun, and to keip thame of the commoun streitis, with certificatioun to thame that comperis nocht thay salbe scurgit and baneist the tovne. Villa, pure.

30 *April* 1574.

The saidis baillies and counsall, efter lang resonyng vpoun the greitt hurtis thay daylie sustenis be non calling of thair actioun befoir the Loirdis aganis the vnfriemen of the Canogait, ordanis and appoyntis the personis following to wait on the said actioun and to solist the saidis Loirdis for expeditioun, viz.: [three persons in each of the four following months] and sua monethlie, in ordour quhill the said actioun be callit and vtheris put in thair place. Villa, Canogait.

3 *June* 1574.

Villa, merchantis, Ingland.

[The bailies, council, and deacons], efter lang resonyng vpon the greit troublis sustenit be the merchantis of this realme be the piratis of Ingland vpoun the sea coistis of the samyn, and siclik of the dampnage sustenit be the persute of ane Dull, Inglischeman, for allegit troubill done to him at Lochebrome in the yeir of God 1566 yeiris, concludis that ane expert and diligent man be send to the Quenis Maiestie of Ingland with my Loird Regentis Grace wrytingis already impetrat at his Graces handis for the remed of the saidis wrangis.

Villa, Fergeson, Ingland.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynnis foirsaidis appoyntis and aggreis with Jhonn Fergesonn, merchant, that he sall with all diligence possibill pas to the Quenis Maiestie of Ingland with wrytingis purchest at my Loird Regentis Grace hand, for the remedies of the piracie committit be hir subiectis vpoun the subiectis of this realme, merchantis vpon hir coistis, and for purging of hir watteris of the saidis piratis; and, because thay haif na present syluer, thay ordane the said Jhonn to beir his awin chargis of his awin proper gudes, promesing faythfullie sua sone as he plesis efter his return his comptes salbe hard and his money maid gude conforme to his last compte in his vther weyage maid be him at thair command in Ingland and France, the samyn to be refoundit to him agane thankfulle but delay, together with ane honest rewaird for his paynis in baith weyages; and James Ros, thesaurer, is becum actit and obleist heirfoir at the said baillies, counsall, and dekynnis command: and thay obleist thame to releve him. [The following is written on the margin:—] Payit to Jhonn Fergesoun be James Ros for his expens as his compt hard beris, j^{c} iij^{xx} xv li. xix s. xd.

Villa, craftis, Leith.

The foresaidis baillies, counsall, and dekynnis dischargis voluntarlie all pactioun and band maid betuix thame in ony tyme bygane and the craftismen of Leith, and of all dewtie acclamit or that thay may acclame of the saidis vnfrie craftis or vtheris actionis quhatsumevir betuix thame and Leith, hurtfull and preiudiciall to the fredom and libertie of this burgh, and bindis and oblesis thame be thir presents for thair selues and thair successouris gif ony of thame dois in the contrair heirof to tyne thair

fredom and pay xxvi pundis to the commoun warkis, and to be reputeVnfreyndis of the commoun weill, and this present act to extend and tak effect vpoun provest, baillies, counsall, dekyn, and all vtheris inhabitantis of this burgh doand ony thing in contrair the tenour of the samyn. Villa, craftis, Leith.

The counsall and dekynnis foirsaidis ordanis the baillies to close vp all the duris in Leyth on this syde of the brig of all sic as occupeis craftis or merchandises or ventis wynes, mak oppin all gyrnell durris for seruyng oure Souerane Loirdis liegis of wittalis, remove Jhonn Loganis gudes of the Links, poynd and pryse the samyn according to the ordour, and to reform the biggingis outwith the West Poirt quhairby the passagis ar narouit and allterit by the auld ordour, as thay will ansuer on thair offices. Villa, Leith, craftis, Logane.

4 *June* 1574.

The baillies and counsall ordanis the dene of gild to cause flure the Haly Blude yle with burdes, and the expenssis debursit be him thairvpon salbe allowit in his comptis. Precept, gild.

The baillies and counsall ordanis writtingis to be direct to all the burrowis for thair commissaris to be send heir the xx of this instant Junii, for resonyng concernyng the commissionis to be send to the Quene of Ingland for stopping the piracie in hir watteris, the commissioun to be send to the Prince of Orenge, and the commissioun to be send to the King of Denmark. Conventioun, burrowis.

9 *June* 1574.

The baillies, and counsale, and dekynis ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to chairge Murdoch Walkere, masoun, to mend the west bulwark hurt be this present storme and to proceid forwards in repairing of the schore; and the expensis debursit thairupoun sall be allowit in his comptits. Villa, bulwark, schore.

11 *June* 1574.

The baillies and counsall foirsaidis ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to Alexander Vddart, baillie, the sovme of tuenty pundis iiij sh. for ane new ansenzie maid to the gude tovne. Precept, thesaurer.

16 *June* 1574.

Act dischairgit.

[The bailies and council,] efter rype avysement with the pretendit act and ordinance maid the tyme of the troublis, bering that all sic as seruit the King in Leyth sould nocht be removit fra thair housis within this tovne for ane yeir nixt efter thair cumming thairto, notchtwithstanding ony wairnyng maid of befoir, quhilk thay fynd preiudiciall to the heretouris of this tovne and contrair the auld statutis and ordinances of this burgh, quhairfoir thay discharge the said act and all effect thairof for ever.

18 *June* 1574.

Regent, villa.

[The bailies and council,] efter avysement with my Loird Regentis Grace wryting direct to thame, willing thame to gratefiie the air of Pumpharstoun, to quhome his Grace is tutour and governour, with the annuell quhilk thay haif furth of his landis of Lethame, and to discharge him of all byrunnis as thay wald do him plessour, and repoirt the gretar benefitt at his Grace handis in recompance thairof quhen thay sall haif ado, and knawing his Grace to haif bene sa beneficiall to thame in all tymes bygane, thay ordane Archibald Stewart and Jhonn Adamesoun to pas to his Grace this efter non and schaw his Grace the actioun betuix tham and Punfresoun depending befoir the loirdis, and that thay schortlie luke to haif decreit, quhilk being obtenit his Grace's desyr salbe satefeit nocht only in that bot in quhatsameuer thing lyis in thair powar to his plessour.

25 *June* 1574.

Villa, Kyntor, court.

The baillies and counsall, vnderstanding Dauid Kyntor in Leyth to be ane troublar of the baillies and pepill thair in thair courtis be his dilatoury and manie dilayes, quhairfoir thay discharge him all procuratioun in all tymes cumming.

21 *July* 1574.

Ministeris.

[The provost, bailies, dean of guild, council, and deacons of crafts] being convenit in the counsalhous thairof, and efter lang resonyng vpoun the commoun effaires, fynding thame selues superexpendit, and

thair commoun gude debtbound in greit sovmes be resoun of the laitt trublis, and forther subiect to pay yeirlie rent for the maillis of the housis occupeit be thair ministaris, extending yeirlie to the sovme of ane hundreth merkis or thairby, quhilk sene and considerit be the personis vnderwrittin, thay, as lufing memberis of the commoun weill foirsaid, quhais names heirefter followis, hes avancitt and debursit, in name and behalf of this gude tovne, and at the ernist requeist and desyr of ws the provest, baillies, and counsall, and dekynnis foirsaidis, the particular sovmes efter specefeit, extending to the sovme of (*blank*), to be bestowit and wairit vpoun the bigging and reparing of the place in the kirk yaird of the said burgh sumtyme pertenyng to the provest of St Gelis kirk, with the curatis place adiacent thairto, with the yaird of the samyn and thair landis, quhilk now, be virtu of the act of parliament and designatioun made according to the samyn, pertenis to the ministeris and ministry of the said burgh, quhais gude willis and liberall benefittis, bestowit for sa gude and godlie ane cause, aucht to be rememberit, and thair sovmes debursit to be refundit and thankfullie agane payit to thame: Thairfoir we, the provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsall, and dekynnis foirsaidis [grant us] to be bound and obleist, and be the tennour heirof lelely and trewlie byndis and obleissis ws and our successouris to content and thankfully pay to the saidis debursaris, or ony of tham that thay sall appoynt to resave the samyn, the sovme of ane hundreth merkis yeirlie . . . . quhilk hundreth merkis yeirlie, during the said (*blank*) yeiris, being compleit, will extend together to the sovme of (*blank*) debursit as said is, and that specially becaus we, the saidis provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis peyis instantlie the sovme of ane hundreth merkis yeirlie for the maillis of the houssis of our mynisteris and rederis foirsaidis, quhilk, be bigging and reparing of the mansis, houssis, and yaird abouewritten, sall releve ws and oure commoun gude of the said sovme, and mak thame to be weill eisit and placit in mair commodious place nor thay ar at this present. . . .

Ministeris.

Followis the names of the particular personis quha debursit the sovmes efter following for reparing of the mynistaris houssis, to quhome

the tovne is debtbound. [Follow names of twenty-six persons who contributed £20 each.] Summa v^c^xiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Regent, buizeoun, villa.

The baillies, counsale, and dekynis following, that ar to say . . . being convenit in the counsalhous of the said burgh, it wes proponit be the saidis baillies that yesterday thay being send for be my Lord Regenttis Grace [to] the Abbay, his Grace in presence of the lordis of secreit counsale he did schew vnto thame that our Souerane Lord the King wes detbound to certaine his Hienes creditouris in the soume of xxxvij^m^ pundis or thairby, and gyf the burrois, and in speciall this burgh of Edinburgh, were willing till do thair dewtie, it sould be esye to releif the said dett without thair hurt, gyf thay wald glaidlie consent to bring sa mekle siluer to the cunzehous without compulsioun, as thay were detbound be act of parliament, resaving thairfor the resonable price as siluer gevis at this present, and desyrit the saidis baillies to shew this his desyre to the counsale, and bring thair ansuer to him sa schortlie as thay micht; quhilk hard and considderrit, the baillies and counsale, with auise of the dekynnis foresaid, ordanis ane act to be direct chargeing the maist substantious merchantis of this burgh to convene with thame in the counsalehous the nixt counsale day with thame, to ressoun vpoun the premissis for ansuer to be gevin thairto, ilk persoun vnder the pane of xx sh.

Cunynghame, Collectour.

The baillies and counsall ordanis Robert Cunynghame, collectour, to allow yeirlie to James Olephant the sovme of v merkis, quhilk he payis yeirlie furth of his hous to the kirk, ay and quhill the xx lb. be payit to him that he hes avancit vpoun the bigging of the ministerris hous in the kirk yaird.

Neisbet, Collectour.

The baillies and counsall ordainis Henry Neisbet, baillie, to resave the money avancit be the nychtbouris for the bigging of the ministeris houssis in the kirk yaird, and to deburs the samyn vpoun the wark as neid sall requyre.

Maisters of Wark.

The baillies and counsall nominatis and makis Jhonn Harwod and Dauid Kynloche maisteris of wark and oursearis of the wark of the saidis

mynistaris luging, and ordanis Robert Cunynghame to releve thame quhen neid sall requyre.

23 *July* 1574.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynnis ordanis Henry Neisbet and Alexander Vddart, baillies, at the hame cumming of the schip callit the William, to contract with the maistouris of hir to be set furth in weirfair, and to prevyde ane bark for stopping of pyratis vpoun the coist of Ingland; and thair chargis to be furneist and payit of the rediest of the extent of thrie thousand markis grantit be the haill burrowis in thair last conventioun.

Villa, weir schip.

3 *August* 1574.

In the actioun dependand befoir the Erle of Cathnes, the clark of Register, and Justice-Clark, vpoun the supplicatioun producit be maister Kyllegray, Embassadour for the Quene of Ingland, in favouris of ane Doull, Inglischeman, aganis certan nychtbouris for the allegit spulze of the said Doull at Lochbrome, etc., the said provest, baillies, and counsall being requyrit be the saidis loirdis quhat was best to be done for satefeing of the said Inglischeman, thay wryte as efter followis:—Pleis your lordshipis, according to oure promeis yisterday we convenit oure selues this mornyng. We haif concludit it salbe mair esie for oure nychtbouris quhilkis war allegit troublaris of Dowle, Inglischeman, to geve for cutting away of farther troublis and interteneing of amitie, alevin scoir ten pundis sterling money, nor to fall in proces with him befoir ony juge in Ingland, albeit as we are surelie informit his schip and haill gudes war nocht worth the sovme abouewrittin be far, as his awin libell will testefie, producit in the proces intentit be him, he being at libertie befoir maister Archibald Douglas; quhairfor it will pleis your lordshipis resave the copy authentiklie subscryuit be Gilbert Thornetoun, wrytar. Gif my Loird Regentis Grace and my Loird Embassadour can be satefeit with this foirsaid sovme, deducing the money alrady be the said Doule resauit, the allegit spulzearis and troublaris of the said Doule cum responsall and may be eselie compelit

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to satefie for the samyn. This we offer your lordshipis for our counsall with our seruice quhen ye pleis charge; et sic subscribitur, yours, etc. The baillies and counsall of Edinburgh, subscryvit be our commoun clark at our command; To our speciall gude loirdis the Erle of Cathnes and my loird Justice-Clark.

4 *August* 1574.

Villa, Purdye, tax.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to deliuer to James Purdy, herold, the letteris for inbringing the taxt of all the townys frome Forth north, and to gyf him the sowme of xl^{c} merkis for his panys, on this syde Abirdene, and xij of the pund of all the townys from Abirdene north; and this to be payit of the radeast of the said taxt.

6 *August* 1574.

Villa, gyld, Scott, Kirk-yaird.

The baillies and counsale ordanis William Patersoun, dene of gyld, to close the kirk yaird, mend the wallis and dikis thairof, and to close the passage frome Michele Scottis landis to the said kirk yaird; and Scott protestit for remeid.

11 *August* 1574.

Villa, Clark.

The baillies and counsall ordanis Henry Neisbet, bailie, Williame Littill, James Ros, thesaurer, Nicolas Vddart, and Dauid Kynloche, with Thomas Wod, wrycht, to tak ordour with Alexander Clark tuyching his tymmer intromettit with be the gude tovne efter thair returnying from Leith, and bestowit be thame in the gabionis for resisting of the artelyrie furth of the castell, and as thay can aggrie with the said Alexander to repoirt to the counsall that the said Alexander may be satefeit for his said tymmer.

Regent, Boulzeoun.

In presens of the baillies and counsall, the personis vnderwrittin, for the satefeing of my Lord Regentis Grace desyr anent the hame bringing of boulzeoun for relief of our Souerane Loirdis debtis, grantis and consentis to bring hame siluer to serue his Grace purpois of the fynnes of the

Spanye ryall for xxix lib. xxviij s. vi d. or xxviiij s. or they faill, prouyding his Grace tak the lyke ordour with the remanent burrowis of this realme for thair help, sua it be his Grace's plessour, vizt:—William Naper [and 20 others]. Regent, Boulzeoun.

13 *August* 1574.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynnis foirsaidis, efter resonyng vpoun the supplicatioun gevin in be the dekyn of the fleschouris, bering that his said craft war sa depauperat that thay war nocht abill to pay taxationis according to the auld rollis, and thairfoir in consideratioun of thair povertie to tak samekill of thair auld extent of thame as thay ples and lay vpoun vtheris quhilk war riche and mycht beir the samyn; the said complaynt being knawin to be of veritie, the baillies, counsall, and dekynn's foirsaidis consentis that the haill rollis of the craftis extent be changit and alterit, the pvre to be petiet and the richar to releve thame, and heirvpoun the said dekyn of the fleschouris askit instrumentis. Craftis extent alterit.

20 *August* 1574.

[In presence of the bailies and council,] comperit maister James Makgyll, Clerk of Register, etc., and exponyt and declaryt that thair wes cumming to this toun of excellent leirnyng fair writteris and expert in the art of arithmetik, quha were willing to teche ane Franche scole, and desyrit onlie of the gude toun ane commodius hous male fre vpoun thair charges; quhilk hard and considerit, continewis thair ansuer to this day viij dayis. Villa, Franche writteris.

The baillies, counsale, and dekynnis following, vizt:—Dauid Kinloche, baxster, [etc.], vnderstanding that nowther gentill admonitioun nor ordour of law may move Johnne Logan of Coitfeild, to desist and ceis from the violent occupatioun and pasturing vpoun the Linkis of Leyth, being now thair heritage, thay all in ane voce concludis, decernys, and ordanis the said baillies to pass the morne to the saidis Linkis, takand with thame sic nomber of the peple as thay sall think gude, and thair to prope, meath, and merche the said Johnne Loganys bounds conforme to his awin evident, Villa, Logan, Vddert

Villa, Logan, Vddert.

and put inhibitioun to him of ony forther pasturing vpoun the saidis Linkis in ony tyme heirefter, vnder the pane that may follow vpoun the law in sic caissis; and siclik conforme to the decreit and ordinance pronuncit vltimo Julii. Ordanis the saidis baillies to rais the wall and ground stanys biggit be Nychole Vddert vpoun the townys passage within the toun of Leyth, as thay will ansuer vpoun thair vttermost charge.

Precept, thesaurer, Murdesoun.

The baillies and counsale, vnderstanding be Andro Murdesoun, burges of this burgh, that he and Burthilmo Somerwale is hereit be the Inglische pyrottis now in thair vaigage from Flandaris, fyndis gude the said Andro ryde to Abirdene to my Lord Regenttis Grace and maister Killingray, ambassadour, with the gude townys writingis in his fauouris, and ordanis the thesaurer pay him his expens at his returne vpoun syt of his compt, and the samyn salbe allowit to him.

25 *August* 1574.

Extent xij^c li.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of craft] being convenit in the counsale hous of this burgh, and efter avisement with the supplicatioun producit before thame be Jhonne Adamsoun and Andro Sclater, bering that thay at the command of the prouest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis in the lait troublis, the tyme of thair remanyng in the toun of Leyth, for the defence of our Souerane Lordis actioun aganis his hienes inimeis fortifearris and withhaldaris of the toun of Edinburgh, and for the defence of the nobilitie and thair awin personis, had listit ane band of men of weyr vndre the charge of vmquhile Capitane Chisholme, and had debursit vpoun thame the sowme of seven hundreth fiftye pundis, quhilk thay had borrowit fra diuers nychtbouris quha had thair particular obligationis thairupoun, and wes ceitand and persewand thame thairfor; and thairfor desyrit thay mycht be relevit of the said sowme, according to the actis in the counsale buke made be the said baillies, counsale, and dekynnis for the tyme for thair releif as said is, quhilk supplicatioun being reid, riplie avisit and considerrit, the baillies, counsale, and dekynnis foresaid knawing thame detbound be thair saidis actis for the releif of the saidis personis of the said sowme of seven hundreth fiftye pund, all in ane voce granttis,

consenttis, and ordanis that this said sowme of vijc li. be joynit to the extent of vc li granttit the penult of Julii last, makand in the hale the sowme of tuelf hundreth fiftye pundis, and be upliftit with all deligence possebill frome the hale nychtbouris of this burgh, for the releif of the said Jhonne Adamsoun and Andro Sclater, and for fulfilling of the act maid the said last of Julii as said is; and Adamsoun and Sclater askit instrumentis. Extent vijc li.

3 *September* 1574.

In presens of [the bailies, council, and deacons of craft] it is appoinit with (*blank*) Frencheman, wrytar, that he sall remane within this tovne and teiche the youth thairof the art of reding, wryting the Frenche tvng, arithmetik and laying of compte, and he sall haif for euery bairn in the yeir twenty-fyve shillingis, together with twenty pundis yeirlie induring thair willis; and ordanis Alexander Vddart to enter him and his wyfe to his hous at the New Well now occupeitt be the lady Setoun for the said maill the first terme begynnand at Mertymes next. Villa, Frenche scole.

The baillies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid with sound of bell throw the tovne, that all buyth duris be steikit the tyme of preching and prayer during the fasting dayes proclamit, vnder the pane of aucht schillingis. Proclamatioun.

15 *September* 1574.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] efter lang resonyng vpoun the alteratioun of the extent rollis for the pairt of the craftis, the dekynnis foirsaidis all in ane voce consentis to the alteratioun as in the actis of befoir, and maist humblie desyris and requeistis the baillies and counsall foirsaidis, in the said alteratioun, to considder the craftis dekayitt, and deduce of the auld extent according to gude conscience and lay the samyn vpoun the craftis enrichitt, quhairat thay bynd and obleis thame to abyde; vpoun quhais sute and ernist desyr, the saidis dekynnis being Alteratioun of the craftis extent, &c.

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removit, the baillies and counsall foirsaid alteris and changis thair rollis in maner following, and ordanis euery craft to pay of euery hundreth pundis the particular sovmes efter writtin, and this ordour to stand induring thair willis, or quhill forther or the like occasioun serue vpoun the pouerty and incres of the saidis craftis, viz.:—

Skynnaris and furrouris being of auld of euery hundreth pundis	xviij li.
Now of new	xx li. xviijd.
Tailyouris of auld of euery hundreth pundis .	xiiij li. vs. iiijd.
Now of new	xviij li. xviijd.
Baxter of auld of euery hundreth pundis . .	xvij li. xijs. vjd.
And now of new	xiij li. iijd.
Hammermen without alteratioun . . .	xiij li. vs. vjd.
Fleschouris of auld	xiij li. ijs. iiijd.
And of new	ix li.
Cordinaris without alteratioun . . .	vj li. xiijs. iiijd.
Goldsmyth of auld	iiij li. xjs. iijd.
And now of new	vj li.
Wobstaris, walkeris, and bonetmakeris without alteration of thair rollis . . .	liijs. iiijd.
Barbouris without alteratioun . . .	iij li. xvd.
Wrychtis and masons of auld . . .	vij li. ijs. ixd.
Of new	viij li. iijs. iiijd.

Summa of this augmentatioun j^{c} libris quhilk is the haill craftis pairt as the particular sovmes beris of euery hundreth pundis.

Protestatio, Danelstoun. Alteratioun of the extent.

In presens of the baillies and counsall foirsaidis, Dauid Dennielstoun, dekyn of the goldsmythis, and Jhonn Cowper, dekyn of the tailyouris, protestit that incais be occasioun of povertie, as God forbyd, thay be movit to seik the saidis rollis to be alterit, that the samyn be grantitt as it hes bene to vtheris at this present, and askit instrumentis.

In presens of the baillies and counsale, Hectour Raa, merchant burges, becom cautioun and sourtie vnder the pane of l^c li. that Jhonne Dauidsoun, allegit burges of Annane, nor D (*blank*) Dauidsoun his sone, sall nocht vse the tred of merchandice before he be maid burges of sum fre burgh, and the said Dauidsoun oblissis him to releif the said Raa. Villa, Dauidsoun, Raa.

It being murmurit that the extentouris of this last extent, hes partiallie extentit the nychtbouris, in extenting of thame aboue thair avale, and setting of thame selffis within thair substance, quhilk considerris be the baillies and counsale thay ordane the clerk to produce before thame incontinent the extent Rollis, to the effect the samyn may be veseit and the saidis extentouris to be set be the counsale and baillies foresaid according to the auld, and in all tymes cumming ordanis the extentouris to be set be the baillies and counsale and nocht be thame selffis. Extentouris extentit be the counsale.

The baillies and counsale ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that the iiij d. laif, weill baikin and dryit, gude and sufficient stuf, keip the pace of xiiij vnces, and the outlandis breid xviij vnces, vnder the panys contenit in the auld statutes; and that thair be na derrer ale sauld nor for vj d. the pynt, vnder the said pane. Breid, ale.

The baillies and counsall sittand in jugement, efter resonyng with maister Jhonn Logane, of the Sheref Bray, tuyching the wrangis done be him in taking of ane geist of euery houpe of tymmer laid furth vpoun thair passage betuix the brig and the said Sheref Bray, quhilk the said maister Jhonn confest he had done; vpoun the quhilk confessioun James Ros, thesaurer, askit instrumentis, and desyrit the said maister Jhonn to be compellit to deliuer to him ane lang geist quhilk he had taikin of the gud tovnes tymmer, and to be detenit in waird ay and quhil he did the samyn, and maister Jhonn Abirerummy, cautioner for the said maister Johne Logane, consentit that the said geist sould be delyuerit, vnder protestatioun it sould nocht preiuge the said maister Jhonn in his rycht, and the said James Ros in the contrair, in respect it was a novalty and extortioun newly inventit Logane, Sheref-braa, Villa.

Logane, Sherefbraa, Villa.

and raisit vpoun the pepill be the said maister Johne Logane alanerly, neuer vsit of befoir to the gude tovne nor na vtheris bot tymmer rovme frielie grantit in all tymes past to all strangeris, to geve thame occasioun mair willinglie to resoirt to thair schoir and hawin of Leith, and the baillies and counsall foirsaidis, efter the avysement with the allegeances of baith the pairties, fyndis and delyueris that the said maister Johnn Logane hes done wrang in taking of the saidis geistis, and thairfoir decernis and ordanis him to delyuer the samyn agane to the personis awnaris thairof, and to remaine in waird quhill the samyn be done, and farther that he sall fynd cautioun he sall nocht do the like heirefter, vnto the tyme it be found that he haif richt thairto, and the said maister Jhonn Abircrummy, in name of the said maister Johnn Logane, protested for remeid.

Precept, gild.

The baillies and counsall ordanis William Patersoun, dene of gild, to mak saitis and benkis befoir the Regentis tomb and langis the kirk wall; and the expensis debursit thairvpoun salbe allouit in his comptes.

22 *September* 1574.

The prouest, baillies, and counsallis aith, &c.

The forme of the aith neulie publischit in electioun off officiaris:—I, A. B., now electit prouest, baillie, or vther officer of this burgh, testefeis in my conscience and before God and yow heir convenit, that I awow and profes with my hart the trew relegioun of Jhesus Crist as the samyn is now publischet, preichit, and be law establischit within this realme, renunceand all idolatrie, superstitioun, papisticall erroris quhatsumeuer, acknawleging and avowing alsua the richt excellent, richt heich and michty Prince James the Sext, be the grace of God King of Scottis, for my onlie Souerane, promissing frome this furth to perseveir in the professioun of the samyn trew relegioun, and procuring of all thingis Godlie and reasonable tending to the advancement thairof, as alsua in pvnisching according to the lawis sua fer as to me apertenis the wikit and vngodlie personis contempning the samyn trew relegioun, and in like maner to keip fayth and trew allegeance to our said Souerane Lord, quhais autoritie and seruice I sall assist and

defend at the vtmaist of my lyfe, with my body, landis, and guddis, counsale and hale power, aganis the inymeis of God and of his Maiestie being outher strangaris [or] his Hienes vnnaturale and dissobedient subiects quhatsumeuir: Sa help me God, etc. and sall execute justice vprytlie but feir or fauour at the vttermaist of my power and knawlege. The provost, baillies, and counsallis oath, &c.

8 *October* 1574.

It is statute be the baillies and counsall that vpoun all counsall dayes efter Alhaloumes nixt, the baillies and counsallouris, dene of gild, thesaurer, enter in the counsalhous euery Wadnisday and Fryday be ten houris befoir none for resonyng vpoun the commoun effaires, ilk persoun vnder the payne of xviij d. to the pure, and that thay bring with thame syde govnis of blak, ilk persoun vnder the payne of ten lib. Counsalouris, tovne.

The baillies and counsall foirsaidis statutis and ordanis that fra this day furth thair be na schippis frauchtit bot in the counsalhous or clarkis chalmer, and that thair be present at the frauchting of euery schip ane baillie, the dene of gild, ane of the counsall, at leist, with the clark, and that na vtheris be present bot thay alanerlie, without vther merchant, vnder the payne of fyve pundis; and siclike that na privie frauchting be betuix merchant and merinar vnder the payne foirsaid, and that na merinar resave ony persoun with thair schip bot as sal delyuer to him the baillies tikket, or clarkis, subscryvit at thair command, vnder the payne foirsaid; and this without preiudice of our Souerane Lordis and the Regentis Grace actioun aganis the saidis skippouris or merinaris in cais thay carry away ony rebellis or wicked personeis quhilkis ar forbiddin to be ressett amang the kingis gude lieges, and that nane lose, laid, nor fraucht in Bryntiland vnder pane of confiscatioun of thair guddis and tynsale of thair fredome. Frauchting of schippis, saillaris. Bryntiland.

The baillies and counsail, vnderstanding the ministeris luging in the kirk yaird to be desolat of certain greitt tymmer, quhilk can nocht be had for this present for money, and knawing that siclike tymmer is rottand and consumand vpon the heid of the Kirk of Feild steipill, thay ordane Kirk of Feild stepill.

Kirk of Feild stepill.

Dauid Kynloche, baxter, to tak doon the said tymmer, and bestow it vpoun the said wark with all diligence, and this present ordinance to be his releif.

Villa, Minister Makcanquhell.

The baillies and counsall, vnderstanding maister Walter Mackanquhell, minister, to be desyrit of vther tovnes to be with thame, and lairge stepend promeist, and knawing the penuritie of ministeris within this burgh, the daylie incres of the pepill zelous of Godis glorie, they ordane Henry Neisbitt, maister Michell Chesholme, Alexander Vddart, and Dauid Kynloche, to travell with the said maister Walter to remane within this tovne for the releif and help of vther ministeris, and to feill his mynde concernyng his stepend, and to repoirt his ansuer the nixt counsall day.

Maister Mackanquhall stepend.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of craft] vnderstanding be repoirt of the nychtbouris laitlie direct to maister Walter Mackanquhall, minister, that the said maister Walter wald glaidlie and with gude will serue this tovne be his vocatioun of ministrie accepted glaidlie quhat stepend thay plesit appoynt him: Quhairfoir thay all in ane voce ordanit thair collectouris of the ministrie, present and tocum, to delyuer yeirlie to the said maister Walter for his stepend, during thair willis, the sovme of ane hundreth pundis of the radiest of the rentis and dewties of the said ministrie, the first termes payment to be and begyn at Martymes nixt, and fra thyne furth to indure, as said is.

15 *October* 1574.

Leith, pest, Wilsoun.

The baillies and counsall vnderstanding the pest to be vehement in Londoun, and that a Frenche man laitlie cum thairfra, arryvit att Leith, lugit in Robert Wilsonis hous thair, is presentlie seik, quhairfoir thay command the said Robert with his hail famelie to keip thame clois within thair housis be the space of aucht dayes, or langer quhil thay be tryit quhat followis vpon the said seiknes.

Frauchting of schippis.

The baillies and counsall ordanis the act for frauchting of schippis, of the dait the aucht day of October instant, be obseruit; eikand thairto,

that at the frauchting of schippis the frauchtaris sall geve na hear pryces for lycht gudes or more chairge nor sevin frankis ourheid frie of avarice and all vther chairgis; and that catioun sal be taikin of the maister, awner, or skipper that na merchant be resauit at the portis of France or Flanderis quhil farther ordour be takin.

26 *October* 1574.

The baillies and counsall vnderstanding the pest to incres in Kirkcaldie and Leith, ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throu this tovne, and vpoun the peir and hawin of Leith, that na maner of persoun, inhabitant of this burgh, nor vtheris resoirtand to and fra the samyn, vse ony kynde of trafficque with the induellaris of the said tovne of Leith or Kirkcaldie, nor nane of the saidis tovnis resoirt to this tovne, nouther ony boitis or pepill of the said tovne of Kirkcaldie, thair gudes or geir, to be resauit or resett in the said tovne of Leith, quhil this present proclamatioun be dischairgit and new license grantit, vnder the payne of deid. Proclamatio, pest.

The baillies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid through the toun discharging all maner of wed wyffis, and vther personis vsing that kynd of trafique, of vsing thairof vnder the pane of birning in the cheik and banissing of the toun for the first, and vnder the pane of deid for the nixt, but favouris. Wed wyffis dischargit.

The baillies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid charging all maner of personis within this burgh that sa sone as ony fallis seik within thair housis, quhatsoevir seiknes that euir it be, without exceptioun of personis, that thay incontinent inclois thame selfis, keip thame clois, and vse na trafique with thair nychtbouris, and with all diligence aduerteis the baillies thairof, and keip the order that salbe appoyntit be the saidis baillies, vnder the pane of deid. Anent seik personis.

The baillies and counsall ordanis that all the portis of this burgh be closit during the tyme of this seiknes, except the Netherbow and West Watche, portis.

Watche, portis.

port alanerly, and that thay be not oppinnit befoir sax houris in the morning, and closit at sax houris at evin, and that every day thair be a watch of sax men of the nychtbouris, or vpoun thair chargis, as the baillies sall think best.

27 *October* 1574.

Proclamatioun, vagaboundis.

The baillies and counsale ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chargeing all vagabondis and idill personis to remove thame selffis of this toun and boundis thairof, within xlviij howris, vnder the pane of scourging and birning on the cheik.

Villa, pest, Senys.

The baillies and counsale ordanis officiaris to certifie Henry Kincaid pretendit possessouris, that gyf the seiknes incres, as God forbyd, thay will according to thair richt and auld possessioun place their seik folkis in the said Senys, and thairfor that he remove him self, his seruandis and guddis, in tyme, gyf he ony hes within the said place.

3 *November* 1574.

Abircrumby, assessour.

In presens of the baillies and counsale, maister Jhonne Abircrumbye, aduocat, is admyttit and suorne assessour to the gude toun for the yeir to cum, and ordanis the thesaurer to ansuer him of his pentioun of x lib.

15 *November* 1574.

Forest, pest.

The baillies and counsale electis and cheissis Jhonne Forrest, cordinar, to maister clenger of the folkis mendit of the pest, and to haue the charge of thair guddis and of the tovne mure, and to have monethlie for himself and his seruand, sa lang as thay serue vpoun the said mure, sax pundis; and ordanis the thesaurer to gyf him ane monethis wages in hand, for the quhilk he sal be haldin to keip the peple vnder his charge fra the company of the infect personis, clenge thair gudes in sufficient maner; and gyf ony infectioun salhappin efter, through insufficient clengeing of the saidis guddis, he to suffer the deith thairfor.

Precept, thesaurer.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to by ane caldroun for clenging of the foull guddis, and to furnys all vther neces-

saries for the clene and foull mwre; and the expenssis deburset thairvpoun sall be allowit in his compttis. Precept, thesaurer.

20 *November* 1574.

In presens of [the bailies and council,] Robert Hendersoun, cherurgeane, for himself and in name of the hale craftis and dekynnis of craftis, [appeared] and protestyt that in sa fer as he and James Inglis, skynner, being tua of the counsale were nocht maid priue to the electioun of the commissaris lait send to Striueling to the conventioun of burrois, for remeid, and dissassentit to all things done in the said conventioun and heirupoun askit actis. Protestio Hendersoun.

The baillies and counsale foresaid, vnderstanding that the Abbot of Hallyrude hous is bigand and closand vp the passages in the Abbay kirkyaird, quhilk may be impedyment to oure Soueraine Lordis lieges to resort to the toun, quhairfore they ordane Alexander Vddert, Henry Nisbet, of the counsale, and James Young, cutler, dekyn of the smythis, to pass to the said Abbot in the Abbay, and desyr him to mak the saidis passages patent of the auld maner, betuix and thre efternone, failling thairof thay wald cum and reforme the samyn: and to report his ansuer incontinent. Quhilk personis, efter commvnyng with the said Abbot and agane returnyt, declarit that thair willis sould be obeyit according to thair desyre, quhilk wes done. Villa, Hallyroudhous.

26 *November* 1574.

The baillies and counsale ordanis xl bollis of meill to be bocht in this merket and send to Leyth, to be distributit be the baillies thairof amangis the pure and seik personis vpoun the linkis; and ordanis the baillies of this toun, of the radeast of thair vnlawis, to refound the prices thairof to James Ros. Leyth, pure, precept, Ros.

4 *December* 1574.

The baillies and counsale seing the evill money to incres, ordanis the clipping hous to be set vp agane at the mercat croce, and Nychole Sym, goldsmyth, to enter thairto incontinent. Clipping hous.

11 *December* 1574.

Regent, villa, salt.

The baillies and counsale ordanis Nichole Vddert, James Ros, Robert Abircromby, Thomas Aikinheid, maister Mychaell Chisholme, and James Dalzell, to pass the morne to Dalkeyth to my Lord Regenttis Grace, and aggre with his Grace for the salt to be careit furth of the realme.

22 *December* 1574.

Villa, Regent, Bulzeoun.

[The bailies and council] efter lang reasonyng in the cause of the bulzeoun, movit be my Lord Regenttis Grace to thame, ordanis the said Nycholace Vddert, Jhonn Arnot, James Ros, Henry Nysbet, Robert Abircromby, and Thomas Aikinheid, to pass the morne to my Lord Regenttis in Dalkeyth, and forther to reasoun and conclude with him anent the said bulzeoun.

24 *December* 1574.

Dekynnis, articles.

Followis the articlis producit be the dekynnis of craftis before the baillies and counsale foresaid, quhilk thay ordane to be registrat. The articles to be proponit and gevin in be the dekynis and craftismen to my loird provest baillies and counsale of this burgh desyring the samyn articles to be considerit for ane gude ordour to be obseruit in this commoun weill in tyme cumyng.

In the first, that the act and ordinance to be maid anent the burgessis toward the rasing of thair burgeschip to xx lib. and gildry to xl libris, that it be maid be ane minute to be gevin be the deaconis as the saidis provest and counsall desyrit thame to do, the quhilk minute was gevin in to Alexander Guthre, commoun clark, twa syndry tymes desyring thairfoir that the act to be maid heirefter thairanent be maid according to the minute vtherwayes that na burgesschippis nor gildrie be raisit heichar nor thay war of befoir.

Secundlie, desyris that thair be na vote nor electioun in the chesing of the provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, nor vther officiar and

member of court bot sa mony as is ordanit be the act of parliament as alsua be the act and ordinance maid be the commissionaris of burrowis thairanent, haldin at Edinburgh the feird day of Aprile the yeir of God 1m vc fyfty twa zeris, and we to have ane vote ilk ane of us alsweill in the electing as in the lyting according to the act of parliament maid be King James the second or at the leist ane of euery craft quhilk wil be ma in nomber nor the dekynis swa that your assissouris be na law nor resoun that is knawin aucht to haif ony vote thairin. Dekynnis, articles.

Thridlie, quhairas euery zeir thair is chosin twelf lytes to be baillies and thairefter ar devydit in foure pairtis quhilk is thrie in euery pairt of foure, desyris that thay may be chosin as apperandlie aucht to be, that is of the haill twelf ane off aleven ane vther off ten the thrid and of the nynt and rest the feird and nocht ane of euery thrie be the quhilk ordour thay wil be gottin maist qualefeitt and abill in that maner.

Feirdlie, desyris that at the nominatioun and electing of the commissionaris of this burgh in tyme cuming, that we may be wairnit and have vote thairintill sen we are ane pairt of the commoun weill of this burgh, and mon sustene oure pairt of the burding and all portatill chargis thairintill as vtheris nyctbouris dois, and that thairby we may knaw the cause quhairfoir the comissioun is gevin alsweill in the begynning as quhat succedis and happynis to be done thairefter.

Fifthly, that thair be na officiaris within this burgh nor na collectour chosin for ingaddering of the anuelles quhilkis pertenit to the freiris, chaiplanis, and vtheris commoun rentis within this burgh, bot the advyse and consent of the counsall and ws had thairto, and we to haif vote thairintill and to be wairnit be the officer of counsall to that effect lyke as has bene vsit towardis vtheris officiaris, quhilk ordour as we vnderstand hes nocht bene obseruit, alsua that as quhen ony office or benefice happynis to vaik, that oure votis may be haid towardis the dispositioun thairof.

Dekynnis, articles.

Sextlie, desyris thair be na dispositioun nor away putting of ony the commoun gude of the tovne without the avyse and consent of ws, and that the compte of the same commoun gude be sene and considerit zeirlie that it may be knawin gif the samyn be bestouit for the commoun weill of the burgh or nocht, and to that effect wairnyng to be made zeirlie that all they that plesis and aucht to cum for examenying of the saidis comptes may be present at the hering thairof that thay may resoun thairvpoun and as neid beis to impugne and obiect aganis the samyn that thairby all murmour and occasioun thairof may ceis, and gude ordour continew for the commoun weill of this burgh in tyme cuming, alsua desyris that the comptes of the thesaurary of this burgh the zeiris lxxij and lxxiij as alsua of all vtheris restand awand to the tovne may be veseit sene and examinat and perfyte compte to be haid thairof as efferis.

And that the ordour quhilk sould haif bene maid anent the premissis may be resonit and put in forme, subscryvit, and registrat, and we to haif the authentik copy thairof subscryvit with us in keping in respect your wisdomes ar ane pairt of the contractaris and we the vther.

Desyring your wisdomes richt hertlie to considder the articlis foirsaidis aggreabill to resoun and gude conscience and to geve ansueir thairto in sic maner as ane gude ordour may be obseruit in this commoun weill and all murmour and ocasioun thairof stayitt in tyme cumyng.

The samyn day the baillies and counsall foirsaidis promesis to geve ansuer to the saidis articles betuix and Candilmes nixt or Fasteranis evin nixt thairefter at the ferrest, and James Young and Dauid Kynloche, dekynis, askit instrumentis.

Proclamatioun, wyne sek.

The baillies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid as of befoir throuch this tovne, be sound of bell, and charge that na wyne sek be sauld darrer nor fyve schillingis sax penneis; and ordanis the tavern durris to be haldin oppin, and the said wyne sauld commounlie to all oure Souerane Loirdis liegis, vnder the payne of ten lib. sa oft as they faill.

7 *January* 1574-5.

[The bailies and council] vnderstanding maister James Balfour to be ane of the nomber appoyntit be my Loird Regentis Grace to resoun with thame concernyng the cause of the bulzeoun, ordanis maister Michaell Chesholme, maister Johnn Prestoun, and David Kynloche, to ryde the morne to Dalkeith, and schaw his Grace that thay can nocht enter in communyng with the said Sir James, in respect of the iniuries done be him to the gude tovne the tyme that he with his complices did withhald the same from our Souerane Loird, and thairfore humblie to desyr his Grace that the said Sir James had no melling with thame in thair causis; and to repoirt his Grace's ansuer the morn, as said is. Villa, Regent, Balfour.

The baillies and counsale foresaid ordanis maister Mychaell Chesholme, baillie, to cause clenge the hous vpoun the linkis callit lytill Loundoun, and tak all the clengit folkis of the said linkis, and present thairintill, and to cause the said hous to be wachit nycht and day, that na maner of persoun resort thairto, bot sic as ar deput officeris, vnder the pane of deid. Leyth, pest, Chisholme.

Dauid Kinloch, baxter, being accusit for non passing to my lord Regentis grace in commissioun conforme to the ordinance before writtin declarit that James Young, Michaell Gilbert, with certane dekynnis, had chargit him nocht to accept the said commissioun and the baillies and counsale ordanis officeris to warne the dekynnis to compeir before thame vpoun Wedinsday nixt to ansuer to sic thingis as sall be laid to thair charge. Villa, craftis.

21 *January* 1574-5.

[The bailies and council] statutis and ordanis, for the commoun weill of the hale estait of merchanttis, that from this furth thair be na frauchting of schippis from thair port and havin of Leyth to the pairttis of Flandaris bot twyse in the zeir, vizt at Fasterennis evin, and Lambes, and that thir schippis be frauchtit in the presens of the dene of gild, ane baillie, ane of the counsale, and the clerk, and that thair fraucht be than appoyntit to Frauchting of schippis to Flandaris.

Frauchting of schippis to Flandaris.

Flandaris quhat sall be taikin of all guddis that sal be schippit and cautioun found, and that na forther fraucht sal be taikin, nowther that ony guddis salbe taikin within thair schippis bot fremennis guddis, first the merchanttis and nychtbouris of the burgh, thairefter vther fre nychtbouris, and nane vtheris, and that nane be resauit within the saidis schippis bot sic as sall deliuer the tiket of ane of the baillies or clerk for thair warrand.

Clark, villa.

The baillies, dene of gild, and counsall foirsaidis, togither with the dekynnis of the baxteris, tailyouris, skynnaris, wrychts, masonis, fleschouris, cordinaris, grantis and consentis to the bigging and completing of Alexander Clarkis landis at Nidries wynde heid, conforme to his petitioun, oure Souerane Loirdis licence gevin to him thairvpoun, registratt in this buke, and conforme to his platt producit befoir thame this day in counsall, and ratefeis and apprevis the said licence; and Clark askit instrumentis.

Proclamatioun, Wyne sek.

[Ordanit that "na sek wyne be sauld darrer fra this day furth nor vi s. vi d. the pynte."]

18 *February* 1574-5.

Villa, pest, guddis.

The baillies and counsall vnderstanding it hes plesit God, of his mercifull gudeness, to remove and tak away the pest frome this town and peple thairof, thay ordane the clengarris and folkis vpoun the mwre to be brocht hame, and James Ros, thesaurer, to intromet with the tymber of the luges, caldroun, and all vther thingis furnist be the gude toun the tyme of the seiknes, and mak compt thairof quhen he sall be commandit.

2 *March* 1574-5.

Villa, fleschouris craftis, Ros.

In presens of the baillies counsale and dekynnis James Ros, thesaurer, and procuratour fiscale, askit instrumentis that Cuthbert Thomsoun, dekyn of the fleschouris, had callit the prouest baillies and counsale his superiouris be way of actioun before the Regenttis Grace and Lordis of the Secreit Counsale, and protestit for sic remeid as he micht incur of the law for trubling of his lauchfull maiestratis contrair his aith and the said Cuthbert allegeand he had done na thing in that case bot for the weill and defence of his craft without the assistance or concurrance of the

dekynnis or ony vtheris and sua had done na wrang and askit instrumentis. Villa, fleschouris craftis, Ros.

23 *March* 1574-5.

The baillies and counsall ordanis the cran vpoun the kirk riging to be deliuerit to Dauid Kinloche, to be bestowit vpoun the wark of the ministerris lugeing. Villa, Kinlocche.

30 *March* 1575.

The baillies and counsall ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, deliuer to maister Jhonne Shairpe the sowme of x lib. for the greit seill to the townys gift of the Trinitie College, and the samyn sall be allowit in his compttis; and siclik to deliuer to Robert Borthwik, for writing of the said gift, xl s., and to the said maister Jhonis seruand for wax and seling xx s. Precept, thesaurer.

1 *April* 1575.

[The bailies, and council] ordanis the acts of parliament tuiching the saillerris to Flandaris be keipit in all tymes cuming, and because the baillies ar faschit with the impertunite of cullorit and vnfre merchanttis, thay statute and ordane that fra this day furth that nowther passinger nor merchant have license to sale, accept the samyn be granttit in presens of the counsale, and vpoun counsale dayis allanerlie, and gyf ony baillie or vther granttis ony license in contrair this present ordinance, he to pay to the commoun wark the sowme of x lib., vnforgevin. Saillaris.

The baillies and counsale ordanis maister Mychaell Chesholme and James Ros, thesaurer, to pass this efternone to my Lord Regenttis and travell for the libertie of our nychtbouris wairdyt in Linlythgow, and to report his ansuer vpoun Wednisday nixt. Regent, villa.

28 *April* 1575.

The baillies and counsale and dekynnis foirsaid, vnderstanding that Henry Kincaid had lauborit and sawin thair yairdis of the Senys, and put lokis vpoun the durris of the samyn without thair licence, menyng thairby to put him self in possesioun and appropriat thair landis to him; quhilk considerit, efter ripe avisement, ordanis the baillies, takand ane Villa, Senys.

Villa, Senys.

sufficient nomber with thame of nychtbouris, to pass to the said place of the Senys, tak of the saidis lokis, and cause thair thesaurer put on new lokis and keyis vpoun the saidis durris, in sing of thair possessioun and heritable rycht, and forther to cause big vp the sloppis of the saidis yaird dikis, and charge the said Henry he mak thame na siclik trouble in tymes cuming.

18 *May* 1575.

Townys writing, Fullertoun.

Adam Fullertoun, in presens of the baillies and counsale, producit and deliuerit the townys writingis following, quhilk he had in keiping, vizt. :— the gyft vnder the greit seill, dischargeing the customes of futfellis and schorlingis; the copy of the chart of the townys landis disponit to the Senys; the priuelege of the confrerie of the Hally blud; the chart of the curettis hous; the copy of the custome roll; the erectioun of the queyr; the papis confirmatioun vpoun Dumbarnye; the Bull of Dumbarnye: and vpoun the production thairof the said Fullertoun askit instrumentis, and protestit to be dischargit.

Reparing of the toure of the auld tolbuith.

[The bailies, council and deacons of craft] ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, with all diligence possebill, to tak doun the west gavill of the towre of the auld tolbuith quhilk is rottin and rewynus, for saifing of oure Souerane Lordis lieges frome the apperand danger thairof, and incontinent to reedifie and big vp the samyn agane in substantious maner, with all the housis within the said towre, reparell the samyn with ruf jeistis, lofting, and vther necessaris of the javillouris duelling houss and pressoun houssis, as thay war of auld; and the expenssis to be debursit thairvpoun salbe allowit in his compttis.

21 *May* 1575.

Precept, thesaurer.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to prepair the ovir hous of the turnepike aboue the entre of the Lordis counsale hous, for the Lordis interpretouris of the lawis; and the expenssis debursit thairvpoun salbe allowit in his compttis.

31 *May* 1575.

The baillies and counsale ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throughout the toun be sound of bell, chargeing all beggairis nocht borne within this toun, or that hes nocht had thair duelling within this toun be the space of sevin zeris, and nocht enrollit nor appoynttyt for the townys almous, that thay incontinent remufe thame selflis of this toun and boundis thairof, vnder the pane of scourgeing, banessing, and burnyng throuch the lug, but fauouris, because thay haue bene chargit heirto of before and refusit. And for serching and apprehending of the saidis beggarris, nominattis the personis vnderwrittin viz:—seirchouris of the beggaris nocht admyttit to the townys almous [follow names] and the seirchouris to serue for the first quarter allanarlie, and thairefter vtheris to be put in thair place, be the avise of the baillies and counsale. And to the effect that the beggaris apprehendit sall nocht eschew, the counsall foresaid ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to graith the briddall hous of Sanct Mary Wynde, put on lokis, durris, and wyndois vpoun the samyn, for ane presoun hous to the saidis apprehendit beggarris, vagaboundis, and sic vtheris as sal be tane begand, to quhome the townys almous is gevin; and commandis the officiarris to obbey their serchouris during thair offices, as the baillies selffis. Ordour for the pure.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynnis, efter consultatioun and rype avysement had for the ordour and sustentatioun of the pure, and for halding of thame in thair houssis, keping thame of the streitis and begging at mennis duris, ordanis, conforme to the act of secreit counsall laitlie proclamit and publescheit at the marcat cros of this burgh, that all the inhabitantis and vtheris induellaris in the samyn be taxtt and sett be the baillies and counsall, according to thair discretioun, euery persoun to ane certan oulklie dewtie for the said pure, to be collectit be the persones efter writtin euery Setterday efternone in Sanct Gelis Kirk, quhair the saidis collectouris sall convene, and sit vpoun the resauing thairof for tua houris quhill thrie houris efternone, all the quhilk tyme ane bell sall ring for warning of the pepill to cum and delyuer thair almous to the saidis collectouris; quhilk being resauit, to delyuer the samyn incontinent to the dekynnis appoyntit be the kirk for distributing of the samyn to the pure admitted,

Ordour for the pure.

and thir collectouris to serue for the first quarter allanerlie, and gif ony of thame be absent for causis necessar ane vther to be putt in thair place at the discretioun of the baillies during the tyme of thair absence. Followis the names of the collectouris. [etc.]

1 *July* 1575.

Lent money, Dull.

[The bailies and council] efter avisement of my Lord Regenttis Grace writing send to thame, willing thame to satifie Nicholace Ganysford, Inglisman, procuratour for Walter Dule, alsua Inglisman, indueller in Byrsto, in Ingland, according to his Graces commonyng with the baillies of before, for eschewing of the spulze libellit be the said Dull for his schip allegit taikin fra him in Lochbrowme in anno 1566, or vtherwise to send his Grace ansuer that he may provide remeid. Be the quhilk writing, jugeing his Grace to be angrye, and for eschewing of forther anger, thay all in ane voce, as of before, ordane James Ros, Jhonn Adamsoun, James Guthre, and Robert Galbrayth, to evance euery ane of thame the sowme of xxvi li. [blank] for fulfilling of thair promys maid to my said Lord Regenttis Grace, satifeing of the said Ganysford, and eschewing of the said spulze.

9 *July* 1575.

[The bailies and council] being convenit in the counsalhous, comperit William Naper of Wrychttis houssis, Nychole Vdder [and others] and producit the writing vnderwrittin begynnand as followis :—

The petitioun and desyre of the nychtbouris of Edinburgh quhilkis hes bene wairdyt sen the secund of Februer 1574.

The Petitioun of the nychtbouris impresonyt.

We maist humlie desyir my lord provest, balzes, counsall, and dekenis, with certane honest men of the toun, to pas to my Lord Regentis Graice and to desyir his Graice to releiff us off our wairding, quhilk we have sustenit thir tuentie twa oulkis, and to the effect your wisdomes may knaw what thingis ar allegit aganis us becauis sum of the toun makis thame to be ignorant thairof, etc., the sayingis and allegances be my Lord Regentis Graice is this, as followis :—Item it is spokin and allegit

be his Grace that we sevin only wair the stayiris of the toun to grant his Graice ane certane quantitie of bulzeoun requerit be his Grace to help to pay our Souerane Lordis dettis and for the weill off the realme, and reforme the base cunze, quhairin we did na thing bot anserit and declarit quhow the toun culd nocht grant the bulzeoun desyrit, according to the comissioun giwine ws be the counsall, allouit and approuit thairefter, and thairfoir off guid ressoun this aucht nocht nor suld be imput wnto ws mair nor the rest of the toun, quhairfoir it appeiris that in this caice your wisdomes suld procure our libertie; and forder his Graice sayis that in this our truible we ar sustenit of the commoun guid of [the] toun, quhairin we beseik your wisdomes to beir leill witnes off the trewithe. Item, that we haid spokine off his Graice that we haid maid his Graice and we waild mismak him, quhilk we denye neuir to be thocht be ws, laitt be to spekit, and desyre your wisdomes neuir to requeist in our fauouris in this caice, bot rather to requeist our tryell, that in caice we be fundin sic men as to be blasphemouris of our hie magistrait, we ar nocht wirthie to be in your wisdomes societie and company. The petitioun of the nychtbouris impresonyt.

The baillies and counsale ordanis ane writing to be send to my lord prouest to be in this toun the morne, for his counsale and help concernyng the petitionis aboue writtin, and forther ordanis the baillies to convene the hale honest nychtbouris, merchanttis, dekynnis, and craftismen for thair counsale siclike to be in the premissis, and to see quhat ordour sall be taiken with my Lord Regenttis Grace concernyng the iustice air that is to be haldin with this burgh.

11 *July* 1575.

The haill nychtbouris being convenit for ansuer gevin to the petitionis aboue writtin, and the craftismen be James Young and Jhonn Murdow thair foirspekaris, refusit to haif ony melling with the saidis petitionis, in so far as the same did concern my Lord Regentis Grace, and the remanent nychtbouris consentis that the counsall and haill honest men merchantis travell with his Grace in fauouris of thair nychtbouris presentlie wairdit in Linlithgu, etc.

26 *August* 1575.

Villa, pvre.

The baillies and counsall ordanis all sic to be put in waird as hes nocht payit thair contributioun to the pvre, thair to remane quhill the samyn be payitt.

7 *September* 1575.

Precept, thesaurer.

The baillies and counsall ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to cause reparrell and furneis the necessaris to maister James Lowsounis hous, sic as portellis, syllering of his over chalmer for his study, duris and lokis thatt wantis; and siclike to put on the greitt yet of the fleschehous.

23 *September* 1575.

Marioribankis, minister, clerk.

The baillies and counsale vnderstanding the sessioun of the kirk nocht to be weill seruit be Adam Moscrop, thair clerk, quhairfor thay ordane ane of the baillies vpoun Thurisday nixt to present vnto thame Mychaell Marioribankis to be thair clerk, and to serue thame in that office induring the prouest, baillies, and counsallis willis.

4 *October* 1575.

Regent, villa.

The baillies and counsale being convenit for electing of thair new counsale for the zeir to cum, comperit Sir Jhonn Ballenden of Auchinnoule, knycht, justice clerk, maister Nychole Elphinstoun, and Patrick Ballenden, and producit my Lord Regenttis Grace writing, quhairof the tenour followis, commandit to be registrat be the baillies and counsale foresaid:—Prouest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis of craftis, and vtheris having voic in electioun of officiarris within the burgh of Edinburgh, we greit yew hartlie weill. For samekle as your burgh being the cheif toun of the realme quhair the sait of iustice abydis, and the nobelite and estatis hes maist frequent resart, it hes bene ane ancient and lovable custome to mak the Prince or sic as bure gubernament foresene in the electioun of the publict officiarris thairof that the maist worthie and able mycht, with the fauouris and benevolence of the Soueraine authoritie be placit in the charge, and although the tyme of your electioun be now instant, yit we haue hard na mentioun be yow of your intentioun how

to proceid and of quhome to mak chose of for your officiarris to serue for the yeir to cum, quhairof we mervell being sa neyr yew, and this present tyme havand als greit neid of gude aduise in this behalf as ony aige past, considering the lait factionis and troublis tymes quhairin sa mony war withdrawin frome the Kingis Maiesteis obedience, and sen oure awin menyng hes alwayis bene and is that men war placit in that publict charge quhilk war maist zelus towert the furthsetting of goddis trew religioun, luffing towert oure Soueraine Lord, constant in his obedience, and thairwithall of gravite, jugement, and experience, meit and worthy to sustene sic honorable place and charge. Oure mynd and will is, and we desyre yew that ye stay your proceding in your electioun this present day, deferrand the samyn to friday nixt, that sum of yew repair vnto ws with the names of the lytis, that we may considder gyf the personis nominat be indewit with thir qualiteis and luffing towerd ws, towerd the king, and ws bering this regiment, and may thairvpoun the better vnderstand oure mynde quhom we best like of and findis metest to be placit in charge; dischargeing yew of proceding in the menetyme. Sucscriuit with our hand, at Hallyroudhous, the fourth day of October 1575, James, Regent.—Quhilk writing being red and considerrit, the presenttaris thairof befoir mentionat requyrit the ansuer, and efter avysement, the saidis baillies and counsale, in ane voce, granttis to obey the samyn vnder protestatioun it do nocht preiudge thair fredome and liberteis nowther mak preparatiue in tymes cuming. Regent, villa.

Ordanis the foure baillies, maister Jhonne Prestoun, James Ros, James Young, and Gilbert Prymros to pas the morne to Dalkeyth to my Lord Regenttis [Grace] and shew him thair obedience, and protest the samyn be nocht preiudiciall to thair priuelege and liberteis. Protestatioun, villa.

In presens foresaid, James Young, dekin of the smythis, for him self and remanent dekynis, being personallie present, protestis that in sa fer as thay ar convenit for gevin of thair voittis in ellectioun of the officiarris and ar redy to gyf the samyn, and sua na falt in thame gyf ony delay Craftis protestatioun.

Craftis protestatioun.

be, that at the nixt conventioun na ma haue voit nor ar now present this day, and that in sa fer as thay allege na vtheris war wairnyt nor than war present, and thairfor protestit thair be na ma in tymes cuming;

The baillies protestatioun.

and maister Mychaell Chisholme, baillie, for himself and in name of the remanent baillies and counsale, being alsua present, allegit that besyde the nomber convenit the assasouris quha evir had voit in electioun war wairnyt and wes rady to haue gevin thair voittis, according to the auld ordour, gyf my Lord Regenttis Grace writing had nocht bene obeyit, and thair protestit it did nocht in preiugein thair voittis; And the said James Young, because the assasouris war nocht chosin nor lytit at the day appoyntit, according to the allege ordour, and sua the priuelege tynt, gyf thay ony had, protestit thay be nocht hard in tymes cuming.

11 *October* 1575.

Balyeis off Leithe.

The balyes, counsale and dekinnis ellictis for thair balyes in Leyth for the yeir to cum, Walter Cant and Jhonne Littill, and ordanis sum of thair awin balyes to pas to Leithe the morn, and in presens of the peipill dischairge the bailyes of the yeir past nomynat, and present vtheris and tak thair aithis.

Ministeris, craftis protestatioun.

The baillies and counsale granttis and consenttis that the craftis sall nocht be extentit for the ministrie fra Mertymes furth quhill new ordour be taikin, and that the collectour of the anuellis haue maid his compttis, sua it may be knawin quhat the saidis anuellis extendis to; and heirvpoun James Young, cutler, for himself and in name of the remanent dekynnis, askis instrumentis.

25 *November* 1575.

Ludging, prouest.

The baillies and counsale vnderstanding the Lord Lindesay, prouest, to remane in this toune this present wintter, and him to be dissolat of ane ludginge, thay ordane ane of the baillies, with Mongo Russal, thesaurer, to tak for his lordship the ouer ludging sum tyme pertenyng to maister Johne Abercrummy, and to pay thairfoir quhil Witsonday nixt to Laurance Abercrummy his sone, the soume of thre scoir of merkis.

4 *January* 1575-6.

The baillies and counsale ordanis maister Mychaell Chisholme, Robert Kar, Jhonne Arnot, baillies, James Young, dekyn of the smythis, and Jhonne Murdo, dekin of the tailyeouris, and Gilbert Prymros to pas the morne to my Lord Regenttis Grace and ressoun with him concernyng the iustice airis and nychtbouris of this burgh, and report his Graces ansuer the morne. Iustice airis, nychtbouris.

14 *January* 1575-6.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of craft] efter avisement with the suplicatioun producet befor thame be Jhonne Dury, ane of thair ministerris, bering that he had onlie of thair wisdomes the sowme of tua hundreth merkis yeirlie for his stipend, sustenyng of his houshald and familie, and vtheris charges, quhairwith he could haue bene content gyf victuellis and his vther necessaris had bene of reasonable prices, and thairfore besocht thair wysdomes to considder the yeirlie incres of his bairnys and familie, the exhorbitantt darth of victuellis and all vther necessaris, and in rispect thairof to augment his said stipend efter thair gude will and plesour; quhilk supplicatioun, red and considerit, thay fynd that all thyngis neidfull for the sustentatioun of man ar cum to sa hie prices that the said Jhonne is nocht abile to haue sufficient lyfe vpoun the said sowme of tua hundreth merkis; quhairfore thay eik thairto yeirlie the sowme of ane hundreth, makand of the hale in the yeir thre hundreth merkis, quhilk thay ordane the collectouris, present and to cum, to deliuer to the said Jhonne Dury of the radeast of the annuellis and collectioun appoyntit for the ministrie. And the samyn sall be allowit in his compttis, produceand the said Jhonnis acquittance vpoun the ressait thairof, and this to indure during thair willis. Dury, minister.

14 *January* 1575-6.

The baillies and counsall ordanis maister Michaell Chesholme [and five others] to pas the morne to my Lord Regentis Grace, and in name and behalf of the provest, baillies, counsall and communitie, to travell with his Grace for discharge or continuation of the iustice air, and to repoirt his ansueir the morn. Regent, villa, Airris.

28 *January* 1575-6.

Ministeris.

The [bailies and council], vnderstanding the ministeris to want thair stipend sen Yule past, and knawing thame selffis detbound thairfor, thay ordane the rollis of the commoun collectioun to be veseit, the samyn to be agmentit be the names of sic as ar laitlie maid burgessis, and sic as are departit to be put furth of the said rollis, and that sum discreit men be send to the merchanttis, scribis, and lawaris, for inbringing of the said collectioun.

11 *February* 1575-6.

Cairnys, redar.

The baillies, counsale, and dekynnis foresaid, vnderstanding Jhonn Cairnys, reder, in the reparaling and biging of his hous within the ministerris lugeing, and to be detbound to diuers creditouris in the sowme of fowre score fiftene pundis xij s. xj d., thairfor quha callis and persewis him in the law for the samyn, quhilk is nocht thair honestie to suffer, the said hous being thair awin: quhairfor, thay ordane James Adamsoun, dene of gild, to deliuer to the said Jhonne Cairnys the foresaid sowme of fowre score fiftene pund xij s. xj d.; and the same sal be allowit in his compttis, produceand the said Jhonis acquittance for his warrand.

17 *February* 1575-6.

Villa, Regent, Air.

The baillies, counsale and dekynnis ordanis maister Mychaell Chisholme [and four others], dekynnis, to pas the morne be vij houris in the mornyng to my Lord Regenttis Grace, and conforme to the myndis of the counsale and dekynnis, schew him thair ansuer of new to his Graces articlis, and craif the continuance of the air, etc., and report his Graces ansuer.

24 *February* 1575-6.

Villa, conseruitour.

The baillies and counsale dischargis maister George Hacquet, conseruitour, of the custome of the merchandice in his coffer, brocht furth of Flandaris with him self, because he was writtin for be the hale commissaris of burrois, and notwithstanding his office, in his awin presens, decretis and deliueris that he is subiect to custome as ane vnfreman sa

lang as he hes his remanyng furth of the realme, and in speciall for sic wairis as he sall send to be sauld in the samyn. Villa, conservitour.

The baillies and counsale ordanis maister Mychaell Chisholme, Jhonn Arnot, Robert Kar, baillies, and Gilbert Prymros of the counsale, to pas the morne to Dalkeyth to my Lord Regenttis Grace, to requeist for continuatioun of the airis, and his Grace continewit to Octobert nixt. Regent, villa, Air.

6 *March* 1575-6.

The baillies and counsall having certan materis in hand concerning the commoun weill quhilkis gudelie culd nocht be decydit without the full nomber of thair counsall, and becaus Andrew Sclaitter and [blank] war absent, thay chuse and electis in thair places, during the tyme of thair absence, Eduard Littill and Robert Cunninghame, gevand to thame powar to elect and voit as the vtheris. Counsallouris of new.

23 *March* 1575-6.

The baillies and counsale vnderstanding the greit oppressioun committit be the fleschouris vpoun oure Souerane Lordis lieges now in this tyme of lentrone, in braiking of kylling and vther greit fische, regratit and forestallit be the multitude of the saidis fleschouris, quhairfor thay statute and ordane that fra this day furth thair be na kylling brokin in mercat or vtouth bot be fremen, and thay exceid nocht the nomber of viij stokis for quhome the dekin sall be haldin to ansuer, and that nowther fre nor vnfremen pas furth of the toun to by fische in greit, nor to forstall the mercat, vnder the pane of escheit of all sic fisches as sall be apprehendit in thair possessioun; and sielike that na vnfreman fleschour nor vtheris be found in the mercat braiking or selling fische, vnder the pane of bannessing the toun, induring the baillies and counsallis willis; and this act till indure quhill forder ordour be prouidit. Fleschouris, fische mercat.

The baillies and counsale ordanis Mongow Russell, thesaurer, with all deligence posseble to lay in lyme and vther materiallis necessar for mending and biging of the schore of Leyth. Villa, thesaurer, schore.

28 *March* 1576.

Villa, myllis, maltmen. Lowry, Donaldsoun.

The baillies and counsale, efter lang ressonyng vpoun the commoun efferris, fyndis that all burgessis within this burgh hes evir bene, ar, and sould be, thyrlit to the commoun mylnis, grynd thair quheit, malt, and vther cornys at the samyn, pay thair gyrst, and multer to the fermariris or thesaurer of the gude toun for the tyme, vnder the pane of tynsale of thair fredomes, and knawing Jhonne Lowrye, vtouth the West Port, and James Donaldsoun, maltmen, to be thair burgessis and subiect to taxt and stent and all vther portable charges, ordanis thame to grynd thair malt and vtheris cornys at the saidis mylnis, pay thair gyrst and multer as vtheris fre burgessis dois, vnder the pane of escheting of thair stufe, quhair the samyn may be apprehendit passand to vthers mylnis, and tynsale of thair fredome, but fauouris, conforme to the auld actis of this burgh euir obseruit in sic caissis.

30 *March* 1576.

Precept, thesaurer, bancatt.

The baillies and counsale ordanis Mongow Russell, thesaurer, to pay and deliuer to Jonet Tod the sowme of tuenty merkis for the banket maid at thair command to the hale commissaris of burrois efter the completing of the extent of the bulzeoun.

Regent, wynis.

In presens of the baillies and counsale, comperit the richt honorable maister James M'Gill, clerk of Register, and maister Dauid Borthuik, oure Souerane Lordis aduocat, sent frome my Lord Regenttis Grace, and declarit that the Bourdeaux wynis latlie brocht hame being bocht frome the merchant for lx lib. the ton, and sauld for xxx d. the pynt, the Rochell and Cherane wynis sauld for xxvj d. the pynt, that his Grace could be content thairwith, the saidis prices being keipit and na hiear.

6 *April* 1576.

Villa, pure.

The baillies, counsale and dekynnis efter avisement with the ordour taikin of the collectioun appoyntit for sustenyng of the pure, fyndis the said pure can nocht be sustenit be that ordour, because the peple will na

wayis liberallie nor willinglie deburse money for thair sustentatioun, quhairfor, all in ane voce, thay discharge the said ordour, and in tymes cuming ordanis that nane be sufferrit to beg within this toun bot sic as sall haue the townys mark vpoun thair hattis, bonnettis, or schulderris, and thair markis to be disponit at the discretioun of the baillies, and the vtheris that wanttis the saidis markis to be dischargit, and gyf thay dissobey to be banischet the toun. Villa, pore.

7 *June* 1576.

[The bailies and council] efter lang ressonying with Jhonne Murdo, dekyn of the tailyouris tuiching the making of [blank] Fischer, allegit prentise, to be maid burges conforme to the townys actis, fyndis and deliueris that na craftisman salbe admyttit burges that bringis nocht with him his indentour of prentischip, with testificatioun of his gude and trew seruice all the tyme he wes boundin prentis; and the said Murdo allegeand the said Fischerris name to be in thair craft buke, and thairfor aucht nocht to be refusit, and the saidis baillies and counsale fand na fayth to be gevin to thair bukis in the caussis of the commoun weill, the samyn havand na autoritie bot sic as thay had vsurpit and taiken at thair awin handis; and Murdo protestit for remeid. Villa, craftis, tailyouris, prentissis, burgessis.

The baillies and counsale ordanis the thesaurer to caus ane honorable banquet to be maid to certane gentilmen, strangearris of the countre of Bohemia, quhilk come in this realme for veseing of oure Souerane Lord the King. Precept, thesaurer, Bohemeanys.

22 *June* 1576.

The baillies and counsale efter hering of the compttis and expenssis maid vpoun the Bohemeanys banquet, fyndis the samyn to iij^{xx}-xvij li. xiij s. iiij d., quhilk thay ordane Mongew Russell, thesaurer, pay to the fuirnissaouris thairof. Precept, thesaurer.

4 *July* 1576.

In presens of [the baillies and council] Jhonn Forester, officiar, being accusit for making of proclamatioun vpoun the schoir of Leith, at the command of Jhonn Wilky, dekyn of the skynnaris, and vtheris his colleigis, Jhonn Wilky, skynner: Forester, seruand.

Jhonn Wilky, skynner; Forester, seruand.

discharging the careing away of calf-lether, hailing na command of the provest and baillies thairto, for the quhilk cause the said Jhonn Wilkie, alleging him to be ignorant of the ordour, come in the tovnis will thairfoir, and obleist him neuir to commyt the lyke in tymes cuming, vnder quhat pecunial payne it sall pleis thame to impute to him in cais he do the lyke in tymes cuming; and the said Jhonn Forester dischargit of his office and ordanit to remane in waird quhill forther ordour be taikin.

13 *July* 1576.

Hansenyeis.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] efter lang resoning vpoun the bering of the handsenyies, concludis all in ane voce that the samyn salbe in this present mustouris delyuerit at the discretioun of the baillies to twa merchantis and twa craftismen, quhilkis sall rander the same agane to the saidis baillies this nycht at evin efter the mustouris be done, and the companyes baith of merchantis yonkeris and craftismen to be orderit and rankit at the commandiment of the saidis baillies and nane vtheris vnder quhat payne itt sal pleis the baillies putt to thame that dois in the contrair.

Protestatio, Abircrummy, Murdow.

Robert Abircrummy, saidlar, dekyn of the smythis and Jhone Murdow dekyn of the tailyeouris, protestit that thay and the remanent dekynnis suld haif voce in disponing of the saidis handsenyies at all tymes and dissassentit to the ordour abouewrittin and askit instrumentis.

20 *July* 1576.

Hansenyeis.

In presens of the baillies and counsall the haill dekynnis ratefeis and approvis the ordour taikin of befoir for bering of the handsenyies, and John Murdow and Robert Abircrummy disassentis as of befoir and askit instrumentis.

Sandelandis in waird.

Patrik Sandelandis, tailyeour, being chargit be the baillies to delyuer the handsenyie quhilk he had in keping, to be disponed be the baillies conforme to the act abouewrittin, dissassented, saying, nane sall beir that hansenyie with my kyndnes, for the quhilkis wourdis and proude

speking to maister Michaell Chesholme baillie in jugement, the said Patrik is commandit in waird. Sandelandi in waird.

26 *July* 1576.

Robert Abircrumby, Cuthbert Thomsoun, and vtheris of the craftis being requyrit be James Ros, thesaurer, with the remanent auditouris, to subscriue his compttis, refusit till do the samyn, and in speciall in that pairt of the saidis compttis bering certane soumes debursit at the conventioun of burrois to quhilk thay wer nocht privye, and maister Michaell Chisholme, baillie, askit instrumentis of thair refusall, and protestit that in tymes cuming na ma craftismen be vpoun the townys compttis bot conforme to the Act of Parliament, quhilk is that tua of the counsale for the yeir allanerlie, and the remanent baillies and counsale admyttis the saidis protestatioun, and ordanis the vther auditouris, merchanttis, of sufficient nomber to subscriue the saidis compttis, and the samyn to be allowit, and Chisholme and Ros askis instrumentis. Villa, Abircrumby, craftis. Protestatio, Chisholme.

27 *July* 1576.

Jhonne Cowper, tailyeour, being callit and accusit for nocht keiping of ordour in rank with the remanent nychtbouris, confessit he accumpaneit with the prouest and nane vtheris; quhilk being considerit be the baillies and counsale to tend to vprore and contempt of the proclamatioun maid and actis of counsale commanding all nychtbouris to be rankit be thair baillies in thair awin places, quhilk refusit be the said Cowper, for his offence thay adiuge him the vnlaw of fyve lib. and ordanis him remane in waird quhill the samyn be payit. Charge, baillies, Cowper, tailyeour.

[The bailies and council] ordanis the tovnis yetlingis lyand vpon the kirk of feild steipill, with thair fourniture, to be sent to Andrew Sclater, and ordanis him to delyuer the samyn agane, or the just availl thairof, quhen he salbe requyrit. Arteilyie, Sclater.

29 *August* 1576.

The baillies and counsale ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that na Tuyching seruandis.

Tuyching seruandis.

outlandis persoun be resauit in seruice within this burgh that bringis nocht with thame the testiemoniale of the minister of the toun or schire quhair thay haue duelt, witnessing thair lyfes and conversatioun to haue bene godlie, without the quhilk gyf ony servuand be resauit, the resaver to pay xx li. to the pure.

2 October 1576.

Electio, prepositi.

The baillies and counsale, assassouris, and dekynnis being convenit for chesing of the officiarris for the yeir to cum, my Lord Regenttis Grace writing being presentit before thame, thay ordane the samyn to be registrat, of the quhilk the tenour followis:—

Regent, villa.

Regens—Baillies, counsale, and dekynnis of the burgh of Edinburgh, We greit yew weill. Forsamekle as we vnderstand that now approches the tyme of the electioun of your officiaris, nocht douting bot ye ar of that mynd to cheis sic qualifeit personis to haue the places in your principale offices as ye sall think maist meit to serue oure Souerane Lord and ws vnder his Hienes the tyme of oure regiment; and we being weill willing rather to corrobrat nor thrall youre liberteis and gude myndes, haue licenced and granttit, like as be thir presentis we licence and grantt yew fre libertie to elect and chuse quhat personis ye pleis in the saidis offices for the yeir to cum, nochtwithstanding ony act of parliament or prouisioun that may be obiectit in the contrair anent the quhilk dispens be this present, and willis and declaris that ye sall incur na preiudice nor hurt in your liberteis or vtherwayis thairfor in ony tyme cuming. Subscriuit with oure hand at Dalkeyth the last day of September, the yeir of God l^m v^c lxxvj yeris.—James, Regent.

George Dowglas, prouest.

Be commoun voit of the baillies, dene of gyld, thesaurer, counsale, assassouris, and dekynnis, George Douglas of Parkheid, capitane of the castell of Edinburgh, is chosin prouest for the yeir to cum, and his aith taikin according to the ordour.

Abircromby, craftis, assassouris, electioun of baillies.

Robert Abircrumby, saidler, dekyn of the hammermen, for himself and remanent deyknnis, allegit that in the actis of the burrois is na

mentioun maid that the assasour is sould haue voit in electing of officieris, and thairfor dissasentit to thair present vottis and in all tymes cuming, and protestit for remeid, and forther in sa fer as the roll of the names for chesing of the baillies war diuidit in threis, and out of euery thre ane to be baillie, protestit that that maner of chesing stude nocht for ane ordour in tymes cuming, and that thay may be hard to resoun forther tuiching that ordour at sic tyme as the prouest, baillies and counsale wald appoynt, and askit instrumentis, and the baillies and counsale allegeing na thing done in the premissis bot according to the auld ordour, fyndis na protestatioun to be admyttit, nochttheles thay assing to the said Robert and remanent dekynnis to be forther hard this day xv dayis vpoun thair supplicatioun, and ansuer salbe gevin thame according to ressoun.

Abircromby, craftis, assasouris, electioun of baillies.

The prouest and counsale statutis and ordanis that the tua craftismen quhilkis hes bene on the counsale the yeir past be auditouris of the townys compttis for the yeir to cum conforme to the act of parliament, and na vtheris of the craftis, because thay onlie haue the experience of the townys effaris the yeir of thair office.

Statute for the craftismen auditouris.

4 *October* 1576.

George Douglas, of Parkheid, prouest, [the bailies and council] ordanis the wallys of the toun to be veseit vpoun Friday nixt, and to cause the samyn to be mendit quhair neid is.

Townis wallis.

13 *October* 1576.

The baillies and counsale ordanis charge Walter Cant to produce before thame, the nixt counsale day, the auld seill of Leyth, and deliuer the samyn.

Seill of Leyth.

19 *October* 1576.

The baillies and counsale eftir tryell takin diuers tymes of the monyfald offenssis committit be [*blank*] hangman, in oppressing of the peple for commoun tulye and for greit dettis restand awin to diuers personis, ordanis Dustyefute to be put in his place during thair willis.

Hangman.

26 *October* 1576.

Villa, craftis, hangman.

James Young and Jhonne Wilkye, skynner, allegeand na officer sould be changet or chosin of new without avise of the dekynnis, and thairfor desyrit the saidis dekynnis to be hard and have voce in chesing of the hangman; and the provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaid fynding thay may impute and it onlie does appartie to thame to output officeris for thair deseruing for breking of the statutes maid be thame for the commoun weill, and as of befoir dischargis the auld hangman for his offences quhairof he is convict, and this new hangman, callit Dustefute, to haif his place with all fies and dewties perteining to him during thair willis; and James Young and Jhone Wilky, craftismen vpoun the counsall, disassents and protestit for remeid.

15 *November* 1576.

Commoun seill of Leith.

Walter Cant, sumtyme baillie of Leith, vnder the prouest and baillies foirsaidis, delyueris to Alexander Guthre, thair commoun clark, the auld commoun seill of Leith, and askit instrumentis.

22 *November* 1576.

Proclamatioun, aill.

[Ale to be sold not dearer than 5d. the pint.]

24 *November* 1576.

Villa, Leith, prymegiltt.

Comperit maister Dauid Lyndesay, minister in Leith, John Littill and maister Alexander Coustoun, baillies thair, Lourence Neilson, George Pady, George Kar, Dauid Duff, kirk maisteris in the said tovne of Leith, and presentit thair supplicatioun bering that the dewtie callit the prymegiltt, quhilk was gevin be the liberalitie of merchantis, hes bene in all tymes past vplifted and spent be the marinaris in vane and wicked vses, quhilkis marinaris now persuaded be godis wourd, granted and consented that the said dewtie in all tymes cuming suld be spendit and bestowit vpoun the reparatioun and vphald of the kirk of Leith and hospitall thairof, and support of the pure; quhairfoir thay humblie desyrit that the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh wald geve thair consent

and interpone thair autoritie thairto, and that the rather becaus the samyn was converted to gude and godlie vses, quhilk thay granted, provyding alwayes that yeirlie compte be maid of the said prymegilt, and twa of the counsall of this burgh to be auditouris thairof, and heirvpoun the said minister, baillies, and kirk maisteris, askit instrumentis. Villa, Leith, prymegilt.

11 *December* 1576.

The provest [bailies and council] statutis and ordanis that in all tymes cuming vpoun the council dayes the haill counsall convene in the counsalhous at the hour of ten befoir none, vnder the payne of poynding for the vnlawis contenit in the auld actis, and that na billis be red befoir the commoun caussis be resonit and concluded, becaus of the disordour in resoning ordanis nane to speik bot ane at anys, and ane vther to tak the argument, and the purpois being sufficiently resonit, in absence of the provest, the baillie for that oulk to be moderator and to command silence according to his discretioun; and this ordinance to be obseruit without particular commvning, vnder the payne of thre schillingis to be taikin of ilk person that dois in the contrair, to be aplyit to the pure sa oft as thay faillie. Statuta consilii, ordour in the counsalhous.

14 *December* 1576.

[Ordained that wine be sold not dearer than three shillings the pint.] Statuta, wynis.

24 *December* 1576.

The baillies and counsall and maist pairt of the merchantis ordanis Alexander Guthre, dene of gild, Adame Foullerton [and five others] and dyueris vtheris of the merchantis, as thay sall think gude, to pas the morn and reson with my Lord Regentis Grace concerning the staipill menit to be transported to Bruges, and to repoirt ansuer the nixt counsall day. Staipill.

9 *January* 1576-7.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis ane nychtlie watche to be set of tuenty persones, and to indure quhill pasche nixt according to the ordour appoyntit be the baillies. Watche.

Extent, ministeris.

The baillies and counsall ordanis to warne the dekynnis to convein befoir thame on Friday nixt for thair consent to be had insetting of ane new extent for payment of the ministeris stipend, viz., to John Cairnys twa hundreth merkis, John Dury thre hundreth merkis, maister Walter M'Quhanquhall thre hundreth merkis and to maister James Lowsoun sax hundreth merkis.

11 *January* 1576-7.

Dekyn Robesoun, fleschour, dischairgitt.

The provest, baillies [and council] being convenit in the counsalhous for resoning vpoun the commoun effaires, and vnderstanding that the dekynnis of craftis being personallie present had deposit Jhonn Hendersoun, dekyn of the fleschouris, of his office and dekynrie within the yeir, na falt being knawin to the juges committed be him, and that thay had input at thair awin handis John Robeson, fleschour, in his place, for avancing of thair particulairis for subscryving of bandis with thame contrair the commoun weill and autorite of the juges foirsaidis, thay all in ane voce dischairgis the said John Robesoun of his vsurpit and pretendit office, and neuer to bruik the lyke in tymes coumyng, and restoris and responis the said John Hendersoun, and commandis him to vse his said office of dekynrie, and nane vtheris to haif voce thairintill vnto the lawfull tyme vsit and wont, except some notorious offence be committed be him and knawin to the saidis juges, and in lyke maner dischairgis the saidis dekynnis of all sic ordour of prosceding at thair awin handis in tymes cuming vnder the payne of tynsall of thair fredomes.

18 *January* 1576-7.

Extent v^c li. Ministrie.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] ordanis ane extent to be set and rasit of the hale nychtbouris, extending to fyve hundreth pundis, for the help of the ministeris stipend, quhill forther ordour be taikin for thair sustentatioun; and Gilbert Prymros, for him self, and in name and behaef of the remanent dekynnis, askit instrumentis, that thay grantit to this extent onlie at the requeist of my lord prouest for this instant yeir; and protestit that na extent be set quhill new ordour be taikin be the avise of the prouest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis to deliuer to maister Jhonne Schairpe, iiij crounis of the sone, maister Edmond Hay, iiij crounis of the sone, and Alexander King, tua crounis of the sone, for thair procuring diuers tymes in the Abbay before my Lord Regenttis Grace, and Lordis of Secreitt counsale aganis the Cannogait, and obtenyng of decreit aganis the inhabitanttis thairof, conforme to the actt of perliament chargeing thair malt to be sauld in the mercatt thairof. Decreit aganis the Cannogait.

19 *January* 1576-7.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale, vnderstanding ane greit conventioun of the nobelitie to be in this toun with the Erllis of Athole and Argyle, ordanis tua gaird houssis to be keipit dalie during the said conventioun, as the baillies wyll ansuer, etc. Gaird houssis.

15 *February* 1576-7.

[The deacons] being requyrit to consent, for thair pairt, to eik to the last extent of v^c^ pundis, appoynted for the ministeris and supporit of maister Walter Balquhanquhall and Johnn Carnis the sovme of tuenty li. and Gilbert Prymrois, in name of the rest, disassentis, becaus they have alrady consentit to the sovme of v^c^ li.; and farther refussit. Craftis, ministeris, extent.

27 *February* 1576-7.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis the ministeris extent to stand, and the baillies to collect the samyn, and to make thame be payit thairof. Extent, ministeris.

6 *March* 1576-7.

In presens of the prouest [bailies and council] comperit Jhonne Cowper, tailyeour, and Henry Blyth, chirurgeane, and consignit euery ane of thame the sowme of ten s., siclike Patrik Turnet son of Peter Turnet, skynner, and consignit xiij s. iiij d., desyring thairfor to be maid gyld brether, conforme to the auld actis, as thay allegit, in rispect thay had bene prentissis within this burgh; quhilk consignatioun the prouest, baillies and counsale foresaid [declined], as alsua to admyt thame gyldis except thay Craftis, gyld.

Craftis, gyld. refusit thair craftis and bure burding with the merchantis, and the saidis personis protestit for remeid and askis instrumenttis.

8 *March* 1576-7.

Craftis, gyldreis. In presens of my lord prouest [the bailies and council], James Young [one of the council] desyrit ansuer to be gevin to Jhonne Couper, James Mychelsoun and Patrik Sandelandis, tailyeouris, tuiching the gyldreis desyrit be thame, to the quhilk eftir avisement it wes ansuerit that the actioun betuix the prouest, baillies, counsale, and craftis concernyng thair gyldreis wes dependand befoir my lord Regentis Grace and lordis of secreit counsale as yit vndecidit, and thairfor deferrit thair ansuer quhill forther ordour in that actioun, and the said James Young protestit for remeid.

13 *March* 1576-7.

Juges, prymegilt. The baillies and counsall remembering thame selues to haif gevin and disponit to vphald of the hospital of Leith the dewtie of the prymegilt of all schippis arryuing at the pourt and hawin thairof, and vnderstanding that sum persones wilfully refussis to delyuer the samyn; for remeid quhairof thay ordane that all questioun that sal happin to occur for non payment of the said prymegilt be jugit befoir the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, and thair sentence and decreit pronuncit thairintill to be execute be thame, thair seruandis, baillies, and thair officiaris of Leith, at all tymes neidfull.

16 *April* 1577.

Villa, wrycht's and masonis. The provest, baillies, and counsall vnderstanding that the wrychtis and masonis of thair pretendit maner had stoppit certan masonis, vnfremen, to big ane cone in Grayes clois becaus the baxteris wald nocht geve thame sic exhorbitant prices as thay desyrit, for remeid quhairof the provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis hes statute and ordanit that the saidis vnfre masones, conforme to the act of parliament, sall compleit and end the said wark and nane vtheris, and commandis this ordour to be kepit in all tymes cuming quhen wrychtis or masonis becomis vnresonabill on thair prices.

10 *July* 1577.

The bailyeis and counsell ordanis the vnfre bonnet makkeris to be separatat fra the burgessis and fremen of the samin, and to haif thair stand be thame selfis vpone the mercat day allanerlie, beneth the auld fische mercat vpone the north side of the Hie Streit of this burgh, induring the said bailyeis and counsellis willis. Bill of bonnet-makkeris.

14 *August* 1577.

In presens of the provest, baillies, and counsall, comperit the dekyn and brether of the fleschouris, and ansuerand to the complaynt maid vpoun thame be the communitie, bering that the pasturing of thair gudes within the park and vpoun the common mvre was the occasion of the greit derth of flesche, be reson that thay sauld thair gudes at thair plesour and in scantnes, quhairfoir it suld be mair meitt and for the commoun weill that na sic ressait of pasturing suld be heirefter, bot raither thair gudes be sald efter the auld ordour in greit nomber, and be presented to the mercat commonlie to be sauld, sua that thair suld be na scantnes be sic occasioun as the saidis fleschouris hes vsit be pasturing of thair gudes as said is. To the quhilk it was ansuerit be the dekyn and brether of the fleschouris foirsaidis, gif ony scantnes of flesche war fund be resoun of thair pasturing thair gudes that suld be aprehendit quik in the park or mvre, thay wald glaidlie consent as thay than all in ane voce consentit and granted that the samyn thair gudes suld be the tovnis proper escheit, to be vsit at thair plesour but favouris. Statuta, fleschouris.

16 *August* 1577.

The baillies and counsall vnderstanding thame selues to be debtbound in greit maillis to Archibald Stewart and his wyfe for thair Hie Scole, quhilk was nocht wattertycht, wynd tycht, or lokfast, quhairfoir thay ordane officiaris to charge the said Archibald and his wyfe to repair the said scole in sklaittis, tymmer, and vther necessaris, sua that the bairnis sit warm and dry, with all diligence befoir the wynter season cum on; failling thairof, thay being warnit as said is, ordanis James Ros, thair Villa, Hie Scole.

Villa, Hie Scole.

thesaurer, to repair the samyn sufficientlie, and the expenssis to be deducit of the reddiest of the maillis foirsaidis.

30 *August* 1577.

Villa, Harlaw Wod.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis Andrew Sklater, Robert Kar, Alexander Guthre, the morn to pas to my Lord Regentis Grace for the ordour to be taikin concerning the army ordanit to convene at Harlaw Wod; and repoirt thair ansuer the nixt counsall day.

13 *September* 1577.

Villa, Hie Scole.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to mak the ruif, duris, and wyndowis of the Hie Scole lokfast, wyndtycht, and wattertycht, vpoun the expenssis of Archibald Stewart and his spous, becaus thay had bene chargit heirto of befoir and refusit.

8 *October* 1577.

Extent, Harlaw Wod.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis ane extent of ane thowsand pundis to be lifted amangis the nychtbouris, to be gevin to the Regentis Grace for licence to remane fra the army ordanit to ryde to Harlaw Wod.

23 *October* 1577.

Beidmanschip.

Item, it is statute and ordanit that nane of the beidmanschippis hospitallaris be disponit or promeist befoir the samyn vaik, certefeing gif they salbe, the samyn gift to be of nane availl.

1 *November* 1577.

Edwerd Hendersoun.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ratifeis and apprevis the oulklie pentioun of ten schillingis appoynttit to Edwerd, alias Sir Edwerd Hendersoun, for all the dayis of his lyfe for taikin vp of the spalmes, and ordanis the thesaurer mak him payment thairof.

Villa, Thornetoun.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis Gilbert Thornetoun, Edinburgh maser, to collect the dewtie of the fair and mak payment for the prouestis ox, farne yeir and this yeir, falling thairof ordanis him lay doun his wand, and dischargis him of his office.

15 *November* 1577.

It is statute and ordanit be the prouest, baillies, and counsale that the candyll makarris within this burgh sell the pund wecht of thair candyll ragwyk fra this day furth, gude and sufficient stuf, for xvj d. the pund, and the hard wyk for xv d. vnder the pane of fyve pundis vnlaw sa oft as thay failye. Statute, candyll.

12 *December* 1577.

The copye of the Kingis Hienes writing, direct frome Striueling to the prouest, baillies, and counsale of this burgh.

Prouest, baillies, and counsale of Edinburgh, we greit yow hartlie weill. We vnderstand the superiorite of oure toun of Leyth, with the linkis thairof and thair pertinenttis, conquest be the Quene Regent, oure darrest guddame of gude memorie, fra vmquhile Robert Logane of Restalrig, and resignit be him in the fauouris of the Quene oure moder, and hir successouris, to remane perpetuallie with the Croun of this oure realm, the sam superioritie and lynkis war analiit be hir to yew, vpoun sic occatioun and necessitie as occurrit for the tyme, for ane certane sowme of money. And now we, with Goddis grace, growing to perfectioun of yeris and knawlege of the effaris of oure crown and reaime, vnderstanding na pairt of oure patrimone to be this analiit, and willing with the first to receve oure richt and possessioun of the said superioritie and lynkis, we haue thocht gude be oure awin letter, and this gentilman berer heirof, oure familier and dalie seruand, hartlie and effectuislie to requeist yow, of quhais gude effectioun and constancie to oure seruice in oure les aige we haue had gude prufe, that the premissis considderat, rispecting alsua quhat commoditie ye haue resauit of the said alienatioun, ye will now thairfor gratifie ws be letting ws haue again the said superioritie of Leyth lynkis, and superioritie to be vsit be ws as oure patrymonye, to sic vse and end as may best serue for avancement of oure seruice; quhairin ye sall nocht onlie do ws ane thankfull plesour bot ye sall haue experience of oure fauorable gude will towert yow in ony mater tending to your weill and commoditie although it wer of greittar avale. And remytting the farther Rex, Leith.

Rex, Leith. declaratioun of oure mynde to this gentilman berer heirof, we commyt yow to God. At oure castell of Striueling the thrid day of December 1577. JAMES R.

23 *December* 1577.

The prouest, baillies and counsale, efter avisement with oure Souerane Lordis letter aboue writtin, thay haue thocht gude and concludit that the personis vnderwrittin be send to his Hienes with thair letter and instructionis quhilk salbe gevin thame in wryt, viz: Alexander Vddert, Robert Kar, baillies, maister Jhonne Prestoun [and ten others], and ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to deliuer to Henry Nysbet, money to sustene thair charges honorablie.

29 *December* 1577.

Rex. The personis before writtin, send to Striueling to the Kingis Maiestie, being weill acceptit with his Grace, reporttis he is nocht willing to be hurtfull to his subiectis of this his awin toun, bot rather sall be fund helpfull to thame in all thair lauchfull effaris, and will nocht foryet the gude seruice done the yeris past in his les aige, and sall gyf thame occatioun to continew in weill doing and seruing of him, and forther he sall write to the Regent in thair fauouris, etc.

Proclamatioun, wynis. [Wine to be sold not dearer than £4, 6s. the tun, and 3s. 4d. the pint.]

Villa, Laird Innes. Alexander Innes of that ilk being in ward within the tolbuyth of this burgh for the slauchter of [*blank*] Innes, his kinsman, be my Lord Regentis Grace wryting he is delyuerit in waird within the castell, quhairvpoun James Ros, thesaurer, askit instrumentis and protestis inrespect of the slauchter committit within this burgh it did nocht preiuge the libertie of this burgh anent his escheit incais he be convictit.

6 *January* 1577-8.

Craftis, gyldis. The prouest, baillies, and counsale assignis Wadnisday nixt to gyf ansuer to the dekynis desyris tuiching thair gilderis.

15 *January* 1577-8.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis Alexander Guthre and Alexander King to gadder the townys euidenttis quhilk thay haue in thair handis, and pit thame in the townys charterhous, and ordanis Robert Kar, Henry Chardis, baillies, Jhonne Arnot, and maister Jhonne Prestoun, to be present at the inputting of thame in the said charterhous, and that nane heirefter be taikin furth of the said charterhous without ane speciall ordinance of the counsale laide in the chartour almery subscriuit with the resauer. Townys euidenttis to be put in charterhous.

29 *January* 1577-8.

The prouest [bailies, and deacons of crafts] being convenit in the counsalhous of this burgh, fyndis and deliueris that James Ros, thesaurer, with all deligence possebill cause big the Hie Scole in the Blakfreir kyrk yaird, as place maist commodeous, and ordanis maister Jhonne Prestoun, William Lytill, James Ros, and Jhonne Robertsoun, baillie, and Dauid Kinloch, to tak the avise of the maist perfyte craftismen masonis and wrychtis to the situatioun and biging of the said scole. Hie Scole.

16 *February* 1577-8.

William Lytill and Jhonne Harwod ar chosin maisterris of the hospitale quhill Mychaelmes nixt, and they haue gevin their aithis for deligent cura and laubouris to be taikin thairupoun, bayth for the pure and caussis concernying the said hospitale to the said day. Maisterris of hospitale.

The baillies and counsale ordainis James Ros, thesaurer, with all deligence possebell to begyn found and big the Hie Scole in the maist commodeous place within the Blakfreir kirk yaird and be sa deligent thairupoun that the samyn be compleit bigit for resaving of the youth betuix and Witsounday nixt, and that proclamatioun be maid be sound of bell through the toun that all myddingis within the said kirk yaird be removat betuix and this day viij dayis, vnder the pane of xviij s. Hie Scole. Proclamation to remove the myddyngis.

7 *March* 1577-8.

Watche.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis fra this day furth ane nychtlie watche to be sett of lx men induring thair willis, and to convene euery nicht in the nether tolbuyth be aucht houris at evin, and watche quhill sax in the morning.

13 *March* 1577-8.

Rex, Regent.

The baillies and counsale concludis and ordanis that the prouest, Alexander Vddert, Robert Kar, baillies, and Jhonne Arnot of the counsale, pas to my Lord Regenttis Grace lugeing in Robert Gourlayis hous and schew him the Kingis Grace writing direct to the toun; quhilk schewin to his Grace he thankfullie resauit the samyn and willyt thame likewes to be obedient subjects.

Villa portis.

The baillies and counsale ordanis that the Grayfreris, the Kirk of Feild, and Cowgait port be closyt togidder with the Watter yet and the keys thairof to be deliuerit to the saidis baillies, and to condampt the Watter yet and Grayfreir portt.

14 *March* 1577-8.

Men of weir.

The baillies and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw Edinburgh and Leith discharging all men of weir raisit, and that nane be raisit nor tak waiges heirefter bot sic as sall haif the Kingis speciall licence, vnder the payne of deid.

Kingis writingis to be registrat.

The baillies and counsall ordanis all the Kingis Maiesties wrytingis send or to be sent to be kepit and registrat in the counsall buke, with the proclamatioun discharging the wplifting of ony men of weir.

The Kingis letter.

Rex. Prowest, baillies, and counsaile off oure burgh off Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. Forsamekill as we ar surelie informit that thair is cumpaneis off men off war lewiat within oure said burgh, and a gretar nomer to be

wplifted wpoun quhat occasioun we can nocht weill wnderstand, quhilk we altogidder mislyk; quhairfoir it is oure will that ye dischairge the said cumpaneis samony as ar wpliftet, as alsua sic as ar to be wptaikin, within oure said burgh, as ye will declair your obedience and thankful service to ws; and that in tyme cummyng ye permitt na men off war to be wptaikin except ye resaue oure handwrytt and chairge thairupone, and that with sic possibill expeditioun as may be ye direct foure of yowr principall baillies to repair heir towardis ws for sic thingis as we sall gif them to wnderstand at meting. Sua fair ye weill. At oure castell of Striueling the aucht day off Marche 1577.

The Kingis letter.

We desyir yow to tak gude attendance that yowr town be nocht suppresit, as ye will ansuer to ws. James R.

Traist Freindis, We greit yow weill. Forsamekill as we haue conferrit with yowr commissioneris quhairby we wnderstand youre guid will and promptitude to oure seruice now as in tymes past, and hoipis ye will continew thairin, quhilk we sall nocht foryet as occasioun beis offerit, and desyris yowe in the meiantyme to hawe yowr forces haill in thair best and substantius maner in rediness to resaue oure farther plesour; and that ye suffer nor permit na men of weir to be leweat within youre boundis and fredome, nor serue na man without oure speciall wairand givin yow thairupoun; and quhen as we sall send oure wtheris lettres to be proclamit at the mercat croce of that oure burgh that ye se and caus the same be dewlie execut, as ye sal be requerit be the officiar berar thairof; and sielyke that ye permit na proclamatioun to be maid within your said fredome bot sic as beis subscryuit with oure hand, as ye sall ansuer on youre obedience and repoirte oure thankis. Sa committis yow to God. At oure castell of Striueling the xj of Marche 1577. James R.

The Kingis wrytting.

At Edinburgh the xiij of Marche 1577-8. I command and charge in oure Souerane Lord the Kingis name, and in name and behalf of my Lord Prowest and Baillies off this Burgh, that na maner of persoun tak upoun hand to lift ony men off weir or suddartis within the fredome off this Burgh or boundis thairof; and sielyk that na subiect

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or wtheris within this realme tak upoun hand to resaue ony wages or serue in maner of weir without oure said Souverane Lord the Kingis Grace speciall license haid and obtenit thairto for thair wairand, wnder the pane of deid. And sielyk that all and syndrie the inhabitantis of this Burgh be weill furneist and in radynes with fensibill armour and wappinis to serue oure said Souerane Lord the Kingis Maiestie wpoun thair first lauchfull warnying thairto, as thai will ansuer wpoun thair wttermaist chairge.

The Kingis wrytting.

Baillies, counsale, and diaconis off craiftis and communitie off oure Burgh off Edinbyrgh, we greit yew hertlie weill. Having sa gude promissis of your trew and affectionat seruice att all tymes, and mainelie now sen our acceptatioun of the gouerment of oure realme in our awin persoun that ye haue nocht sparit your awin lyffis in the defence of our autoritie and keiping off yowr toun att our obedience, we rander now youe our harty thankis theirfoir, requyring youe effectouslie to continew as ye haue weill and worthelie begwne. We haue deliberat be aduys off oure counsaile and nobilite present our traist cousingis the Lord Ruthwen, oure thesaurer, and the Lord Lyndsay, with full commission and autoritie in oure name to do and sett furthward all thing that salbe meitt for the furtherance off oure seruice and gouernyng and sawetie of youre towne and your selffis, wnto sic tyme as ye haue bettir and mair peaceable nychtbourheid. And thus remitting the farther declaratioun of oure mynd to thair credite and sufficiency, we committ yow to God. At our Castell off Striuelling the xix day of Marche, 1577. James R.

The Kingis wrytting.

Traist freindis, we greit yow weill. We haue hard asweill be repoirt of this berare, maister Robert Creichtoun, oure aduocat, as off syndrie wtheris, quhat gryt trawellis and guid seruice ye haue laitlie done thair, mekill to oure reiosing, estemyng the continewance of yowr guide will als precious to ws as your bypast seruice continewallie sen oure birth hes bene proffitabill, for the quhilk as we rander wnto yow oure maist hairtlie thankis, sa lak we na guid will to gratifie yow in onything quhairin we may schaw yow plesour; as forder of oure guid mynd towardis yow, the

lordis of oure Prewy Counsale quhilk we haue appointit to be with yow the aucht day off Appryle nixt will declair; quhome we haue lykwayis appointet to joyne wyth yow in all thingis may be to yowr ease; as forder this berir sal declair quhome ye sall credite. And sua for the present we committ yow in the protectioun of God. From oure castell off Striueling, the xxviij day of Marche 1578. James R. The Kingis wrytting.

16 *March* 1577-8.

The baillies and counsale ordanis during the tyme of this wache James Nychole, Mongew Russell, and Robert Galbrayth, to tak the charge of Jhonne Robertsoun, and the peple to obbey thame, siclike James Adamsoun, Henry Nysbet and William Naper to support Henry Charteris, siclike William Lytill and Symoun Marioribankis and Jhonne Moryne to support Robert Kar, baillie, siclike Robert Kar, elder, maister Mychaell Chisholme, and Nychole Vddert, to support Alexander Vddert, and this ordoure to indure quhill forther ordour be taikin at the lordis of secreit counsalis cuming to this toun. Wache.

The baillies and counsale ordanis officiaris to pass through all the quarteris of the toun and charge all sic as vssis hostellerrit lugeing or stabling that thay nychtlie aduertice the baillies of thair quarteris of sic as thay resaue in lugeing or stabling, and of thair nomber, as thay will ansuer vpoun thair vtermast charge. Hostlaris.

19 *March* 1577-8.

The baillies and counsale ordanis maister Jhonne Prestoun, maister Jhonne Marioribankis, James Guthre, and Dauid Damelstoun to convene the morne, at vij houris in the counsall hous, to tak ordour for the sturdy beggerris and lipper folkis. Beggeris.

28 *March* 1578.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to put on lokis and durris vpoun the low voltis or Dingwallis hous in the college, to be pressoun hous for the outlandis strang beggaris and thay to be Beggaris, Precept, Ros.

Beggaris. Precept. Ros. keipit thair vpoun breed and watter quhill thay be actit and oblist to depairt of the toun.

Precept, Ros. The provost, baillies, and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to deliuer to Alexander Vddert xxiiij li. xi s. ij d. for the expens of the baillies send to the Kingis Maiestie in Striueling.

Precept, Ros. Item, the samyn day the prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to deliuer to the vj soulddertis quhilkis wachit and keipit the stepill xij li.

Customes. The baillies and counsale fyndis that fremen sall pay na customes.

4 *April* 1578.

Castell, Precept, Ros. The baillies and counsale ordanis ane skans or barres of tymber to be set vp before the castell at maister Jhonne Thornetonys hous, and ane stark wache to be set besyde iij^{xx} sulderttis, and capitane Hallyburtoun to haue the charge of thame in case George Douglas and his sulderttis pretend to ische; and to gyf euery ane of the saidis solderttis iij s.; and to the said capitane x li; summa xiij li; and ordanis James Ros to pay the samyn.

11 *April* 1578.

Proclamatio, wynd. The baillies and counsale ordanis the proclamatioun efter following to be proclamyt in Edinburgh and Leyth, off the quhilk the tenour followis:—Forsamekle as it hes plesit the Kingis Maiestie that the lordis of his secreit counsale and diuers vtheris of his Hienes nobilitie sall mak thair residence within the burgh of Edinburgh for taikin ordour in the caussis of the commoun weill, quhairfor it becumis all his Hienes loving subiectis to se that the saidis lordis and nobelitie and vtheris resorting to thir pairttis be weill and resonablie handillit in all thair effaris, quhairfor I command and charge in oure Souerane Lord the Kingis name, and in name and behalf of the prouest and baillies of the burgh of Edinburgh, lord

superiouris of the toun of Leyth, that na victuellis be darthit vpoun thame, and that the pynt of wyne be commonlie sauld to all oure said Soueranis lieges conforme to the statute maid of before, that is for xl d. the pynt and na derrer. And to this effect that all taverne durris and sellaris be maid patent at all lauchfull tymes quhair wynis are to be sauld to all oure said Soueranis lieges vpoun the said price foresaid, vnder the pane of fyve pundis for the first falt, and ten li. for the secund falt, and ane puntioun of wyne for the thrid falt, sa oft as thay failye. Proclamatio, wynis.

The proclamatioun following is proclamyt at the saidis townys be sound of tabroun :—I command and charge in oure Souerane Lordis name that na maner of persoun mak troublance within this burgh of Edinburgh nor invaid vtheris be word or deid that may be occasioun of trouble, vnder the pane of xl s. to be vptaikin of thame that salbe found gyltye and convictit thairfor, howbeit na blude be drawin, and to remane in waird xlviij houris but fauouris ; and gyf it happinis ony blude to be drawin, the drawarris of the blude to be keipit in sure wairde but exceptioun of personis for the space of nyne dayis, and forther quhill the cherurgeanis testifie the woundit persoun to be furth of all danger of that present wound : and this without preiudice of the pairties actioun dampnifeit, and of the townys vnlaw. For troublance and blude, etc.

12 *April* 1578.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] being convenit before the lordis of secreit counsall, it was thocht gude be thair lordships that George Douglas, capitane of the castell of Edinburgh, now prouest, should be changit for causis moving thame, and sum vtheris of the tovnis self to be put in his place quhill Michaelmes nixt, and thairfoir desyrit thame incontinent to convene thame selues for chusing of ane qualefeit man of thair awin nomber in his place as said is ; quha being convenit and the mater resonit, thay humblie desyrit thair lordships to geve thame dilay quhill Mononday nixt, because the maist pairt of the counsall war furth of the realme ; with the quhilk dilay thair lordships nocht being satefeit, they direct the wryting efter following subscryuit as followis : — Prouest to be changit.

For troublance and blude, etc.

Apud Edinburgh xij° mensis Apprilis 1578. The Lordis of Secreit Counsall vnderstanding that vpoun occasioun of the lait slauchteris committed vpoun certan inhabitantis of Edinburgh be the constabill and vtheris seruandis being within the Castell of Edinburgh for the tyme, quhilkis efter the deid war reset thairin agane, thair is gruge and myslyking be sum inhabitantis of Edinburgh aganis George Douglas of Parkheid, thair provest, quha was capitane of the said Castell for the tyme, quha gyf he sall contineu in vsing of his office of provestrie may resaue contempt, inobedience, and inurie of sum that hes resauit skayth and yit is nocht assythit: Thairfoir for avoyding of the quhilk inconuenience and all vther thing that mycht geve occasioun of vnquyetnes, the Kingis Maiestie hes requyrit the lordis of his privie counsall to tak gude regaird and consideratioun of the mater, outher be making of ane vther provest to serue quhill the nixt Mychaelmes, or than be placing of a president be the tovnys avyse: and the sadis lordis having deliberatlie considerit his Maiesties commandment and the necessary occasionis moving the performance thairof, ordanis the masser to pas and charge the baillies, counsall, dekynnis of craftis and vtheris having voce in the electioun of the provest, baillies, and publict officiaris of the said burgh of Edinburgh, that they convene within thre houris nixt efter they be chairgit thairto, and than, inrespect of the causis and considerationis aboue specefeit, leving all further obedience of the said George in the said office of provestrie, quhilk the saidis lordis suspendis and dischargis from this furth, that they elect and chuse of thair awin maist honest and famous nychtbouris to be provest of the said burgh for the yeir present vnto the feist of Michaelmes nixtocum, to be ansuerit and obeyit be thame as thair lawfull provest and magistrat in the menetyme, vnder the payne of rebellioun and putting of thame to the horn, with certificatioun to thame and thay failye, the saidis thre houris being bypast, lettres salbe direct to denunce thame rebellis and put thame to the horn, and to escheit and inbring all thair movabill gudes to his Hienes vse for thair rebellioun, *Et sic subscribitur* Atholl Cancellarius, Montrois, Dunfermling, Patrick Lyndesay, R.B. of Caithnes, Hereis. Quhilk wryting being producit be William Bryson, masser, the baillies, counsall and dekynnis of mynde and will to geve

all humbill obedience to the saidis lordis and wryting abouementionat, convenis thame selues conforme thairto in maner following as said is, and takis vpoun the reull and charge of the toune quhill Mononday nixt, without knawlege of the said George Douglas as provest. For troublance and blude, etc.

14 *April* 1578.

The baillies and counsall according to thair promeis maid to the lordis vpoun Setterday last, for electing of ane new provest, convenis thame selves according to the auld ordour, viz.:—[here follows the sederunt] And for fulfilling of thair nomber admitis and takis suorn in the places of sa mony as ar absent and ar furth of the countrie, viz.:—Robert Kar, elder, in the place of the auld provest, maister Michaell Chesholme in place of Johnne Robertsoun, William Littill for Andrew Sclater, William Naiper for Johnne Aitkinsoun, Henry Nesbet for maister Jhonne Provand, Robert Galbrayth for Jhonne Arnot, maister Robert Creyton, maister Robert Strang, and maister Edward Hay, assassouris, Dauid Kynloche, baxter, Robert Abircrommy, saidlar, Gilbert Primrois, cherurgeane, Patrick Sandelandis, tailyeour, Eduard Galbrayth, skynner, William Coky, goldsmyth, Murdow Walker, mason, Jhonne Patersoun, fleschour, James Watsoun, cordiner, Leonard Thomesoun, wobstar, Alexander Walker, walker, Thomas Dikson, furroour, Jhonne Alexander, bonetmaker, and Thomas Wod, wrycht, dekynnis, quhais aithis being taikin efter the auld ordour, James Adamsoun, Archibald Stewart, and maister Jhonne Prestoun sett furth as lytes, they all in ane voce concludis and nominatis the said Archibald Stewart thair provest quhil Michaelmes nixt, promesand faythfull to the said Archibald thair humbill obedience as to thair lawfull provest, vnder oure Souerane Lord, quha being incallit and be lawfull ordour chosin to oure provest, as said is, acceptis the samyn, and be his greit ayth promesis faythfull and trew seruice touard oure said Souerane Lord induring the said tyme, and they convoy him and presentis him to the said lordis. Electioun of Archibald Stewert, provest.

Dauid Kinloch, baxter, protestis that albeit the assassouris haue had voit this day in electing of the prouest, quhilk was aganis the Actis of Proclamatioun, Kinloch.

Proclamatioun, Kinloch.

Perliament and actis of burrois as he alegit, sould nocht stand with the ordour in tymes cuming, and askit instrumentis.

16 *April* 1578.

Wache.

The provest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis being convenit, it wes desyrit be the said provest thair sould nychtlie be ane stark wache for keiping of the toun, and willyt the dekynnis to gyf thair consent thairto, be quhome it wes ansuerit it is nocht neidfull to ask thair consent, because quhatsumeuir thing hes been laid to thair charge for the weill of the toun thay haue euir bene rady quhen thay war commandit like as thay will be, quhen it sall lik ye thair provest, baillies, and counsale to command thame, and willis the auld ordour to be keipit.

25 *April* 1578.

Statuta, fornacatouris.

Statuta, harlottis. The provest, baillies, dene of gyld, and counsale, persaving the dalie incres of the horrible vice of fornicatioun for laik off schairpe pvnisment; For remeid quhairof thay ordane all the harlottis that salbe apprehendit in vice heirefter to be hurlyt in ane cart throuch the toune and banist the boundis thairof induring the prouest, baillies, and counsallis willis.

Wache.

The provest, baillies, and counsale ordanis that nychtlie and dalie thair sall ane quarter of the toun wache quhill the lordis returnyng agane frome Striueling, and euery man to keip the wache in his awin persoun vnder the pane of viij s. vnforgevin and to convene euery nycht at nyne houris at hevin and siclike at fyve houris in the morning.

Armour.

It is statute and ordanit that na armour pas furth of the toun without the provest licence, vnder the pane of escheit.

Villa, castell.

The provest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis promissis faythfullie with thair body and gudes to support mantene the persoun of Camsye, now capitane of the Castell, in keiping of that hous, and the said persoun in lyke maner to ayd and support the toun with all that he may.

The provest and counsale ordanis the baillies to serche thair quarteris quhair pulder may be foundis, inventour and arreist the samyn. Pulder.

30 *April* 1578.

The provest, baillies, and counsale ordanis to platforme the Kirk of Field stepill, the Blekhous at the Blakfreris and Grayfreris, the Freir port and West port, and that the toun wallis be fre of all impedyment within the samyn, be the space of xvj fute, and that Henry Nysbet, William Lytill, Robert Kar, maister Jhonne Prestoun, and William Naper vesy the toun wallis and cause repair the samyn quhair neid salbe found. Platformes, town wallis.

2 *May* 1578.

The prouest, baillies and counsale ordanis William Robesoun, seruand to William Robesoun, sclater, to be bound to ane jibbet at William Foullarris close heid for iniuring of the Inglis Ambassadouris wyf, his toung persit, and banyst the toun induring thair willis. Robesoun banyst.

7 *May* 1578.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale vnderstanding that Thomas Lindesay in Leyth hes procurit at the Kingis Maiesteis handis ane gyft of the office of sumlare and vptaking of wynis to his Hienes hous, be the quhilk thay vnderstand the hale merchant estait to be greitlie hurt gyf remeid be nocht prouidit; quhairfor thay ordane that ane certane of the maist honest merchanttis convene thame selffis the morne be x houris to pas before the lordis of Secreit Counsale to desyre this commissioun to be dischargit, and this toun to tak vpoun handis to cause the King be furnist of wynis and [blank.] Thomas Lindesay.

8 *May* 1578.

[The provost and bailies after reasoning with sundry "merchanttis of this toun quhilk brocht in the last wynis, thair aithis being gevin of the treuth quhat thair wynis cost at the first bying, the fraucht, lekage and vther charges deducit conforme to the Act of Perliament, it is found the toun of Bourdeaux wynis can nocht be better cheip sauld nor iiij xxv li. the tvn, of Cunyeak wyne for lxxv li."] Price, Wynis.

10 *May* 1578.

Sowmes debtbound to ministeris.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] efter reasonying, knawing thame selffis to be detbound to the ministeris in the yeirlie sowmes following, viz., to maister James Lowsoun yeirlie, sax hundreth merkis; to Jhonne Dwrye, thre hundreth merkis; to maister Walter Makcanquhell, thre hundreth merkis; to Jhonne Carnys, twa hundreth merkes; to the clerk of thair sessioun, fourty pundis; maister Walter M'Canquhellis hous maile, tuenty merkis; for the ministeris lugeing, ane hundreth merkis; extending in the hale to the sowme of ane thousand foure score of pundis yeirlie. For payment of the quhilk sowmes the prouest, baillies, dene of gyld, and counsale and dekynnis aboue writtin, all in ane voce granttis and consenttis and ordanis to be payet of the radiest of thair commoun gude; and to that effect ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to mak compt, reknyng, and payment with maister James Lowsoun, maister Walter M'Canquhell, and Jhonne Durye, and mak thame compleite payment of all termes restand awand thame to the terme of Mertymes nixt; and siclyk Robert Kar, collectour, to mak compt and reknyng with Jhonne Cairnys, and pay him compleitlie to the said terme of Martymes inclusiue, quhilk salbe allowit in thair compttis; and this ordour to stand quhill forther ordour be taikin. For the quhilk caus the saidis dekynnis granttis and consentis that ane generale extent of ane thousand merkis be set and vpliftit of the hale nychtbouris of this burgh, to be bestowit vpoun the biging of the Hie Scole in the Blak Freir kirk yaird of this burgh. And in case the said j^{m} merkis will nocht compleit the said wark, grantis to pay thair pairt of the superplus efter the compleiting of the said wark.

The contract tuiching the bigging of the Hie Scole.

At Edinburgh, the [blank] day of Junii 1578, it is appoynit, contractit, and finallie endit betuix honorable personis, that ar to say, James Ros, thesaurer and burges of said burgh, takand the burding vpoun him for the prouest, baillies, counsale and communitie of the samyn on that ane pairt, and William Bikertoun, mason, on the vther pairt, in maner following, forsamekle as the said prouest, baillies, counsale and communitie hes

thocht gude, for the instructing and vpbringing of the youth in literature and gude leirnying, that ane Grammer Scole salbe foundit bigit, and compleit in maner and proportioun following, in the kirkyaird sumtyme callit the Blakfreir Kirk yaird of the said burgh, in the samyn place quhair the said kirk stude of before, to the quhilk wark and biging the said William Bikkertoun sall enter and begyn with sufficient nomber of warkmen, hewerris, layerris, and barromen, vpoun Mononday nixt, but forther delay; and the said scole sall contene in lenth within the wallis fywe score and ten futtis, and twenty fowre fute of breid within the samyn wallis cietuat east and west, as the said kirk stude of before, and sall haue vpoun the south sydwall thairof aucht wyndois ovircastin with pend stanchellis beittit and crukit be the said William, and euery wyndo sall contene savin fute of hycht croce mygellit [?] and fyve fute of breid, and in the north sydwall foure wyndois of the said quantitie and fassoun, siclike on the west gavill ane dur of fyve fute wyde, and the hycht proportionallie efferand thairto, with tua wyndois callyt nether wyndois of thre fute wyde and foure fute hicht with tua ovir wyndois for tua chalmeris of thre fute hicht and tua fute breid, with tua gude and sufficient chymnais in the saidis chalmeris, as alsua tua severale entressis on euery angle of the said west gavill contenand foure stane durris gyf thay may be had, with ane belhous betuix the twa chymnis couerit with stane on cumlie maner, and as to the eist gavill ane dur of sex futtis wyde, with foure wyndois in the samyn gavill of thre fute and ane half of hycht aboue the eyod and ane elin of breid, and all ther elins to contene thre fute and ane half for the elin; for the quhilk caus thair salbe payit be the said thesaurer to the said William Bikertoun the sowme of tua hundreth thre score of pundis at the termes following, viz.:—As euery quarter of the work procedis and being endit, the sowme of fiftye pundis, and at the completing of the hale wark thre score of pundis, and this said hale wark to be compleit and endit betuix and the first of September nixt, and the said thesaurer sall furnys all materiallis necessary with scaffalding to be laid to the said wark within xxiiij fute to the wallis, and sall red the ground for the samyn.

The contract tuiching the bigging of the Hie Scole.

Ministeris, Hie Scole.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts], being convenit in the counsalhous of this burgh, efter the avisement tuiching the payment of the ministeris of thair stipend, ratefeis and apprevis the act maid x^mo Maij, and ordanis the samyn to be obbeyit in all poynttis writtin of befoir in the samyn buke; and ordanis the extentouris to convene vpoun Tuesday nixt for setting of the extent for the bigging of the Hie Scole; and the money thairof to be deliuerit to James Ros, thesaurer; ordanis the said thesaurer to pay to maister James Lowsoun iij^c merkis, to Jhonne Durye j^c li., to maister Walter McCanquhell j^c li.; and Robert Kar, collectour, to compt with Jhonne Cairnys, and this in compleit payment to Mertymes nixt.

18 *May* 1578.

Rex, villa, prouest.

The baillies and counsale fyndis and deliueris that Archibald Stewart, prouest, Alexander Vddert [and four others] sall ryde to Striueling to the Kingis Grace, and ordanis to wryte to his Hienes efter the comendatioun of seruice the continuance of thair gude mynde, and to desyre his writingis for thair warrand in tymes cuming of sic thing as sall be his Hienes wyll to lay to thair charge.

Baillies, Wache.

It is statute and ordanit quhill the prouestis returne agane from Striueling that William Lytill sal tak the charge and wache of the north west quarter, maister Mychaell Chisholme of the north eist quarter, and Henry Chairteris of the south eist quarter.

23 *May* 1578.

Rex, Erle Mar.

In presens of the prouest, baillies, and counsale, Alexander Vddert presentis and deliueris the Kingis Maiesties writing, with ane vther writing of the Erle of Marris, quhilk they ordane to be registrat.

30 *May* 1578.

Wache.

[Of this date, the provost and council], with the avise of the dekynnis, vottis thair salbe ane nychtlie wache of xxx parsonis quhill forther ordour be taikin.

21 *June* 1578.

[The provost, bailies, and council], efter avysement with the ministeris and kirk for begyning of ordour in the Hospitall in the Ternatie College of this burgh, they have concludit that thair salbe preparit and maid rady ane dosoun of furneist bedis for the pure, and that thair salbe placit thairintill dosoun of aigit pepill seiklie and vnabill to laubour for thair leving, quhilkis pepill salbe sustenit vpoun the commoun box in the said hospitall in all necessaries sa lang as thay are seiklie quhill farther ordour be taikin, and gif ony of thame convalescis or becumis haill, thay to be removit and vtheris sic personis callit bedrelis input in thair place at the discretioun of the provest, baillies and counsall, with avyse of the ministeris, quha sall present the saidis bedrelis to thame that salbe placit be the maisteris of the hospitall for the tyme, etc. Hospitall.

Followis the names of the bedrellis enterit this day:—

Walter Broun and his wyfe; Dauid Forester, blind man; Margaret Carnyis, in Sclateris Clois; Issobell Biset, in Vtterburnis Clois; Jhonne Brvme, his wyfe, Cristiane Smyth; Nyniane Aitkene, and Jhonne Thomeson.

25 *June* 1578.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to Alexander Vdert and Henry Nesbett, collectouris, the Witsondayes maill of the ministeris luging last bypast, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptes; and siclike to the said Alexander ten pundis for the maill of the Frenche Scole, the said terme. Precept, thesaurer, ministeris, FRANCHE scole.

2 *July* 1578.

The baillies and counsal ordanis the kirk durris to be kepit clois all tymes of the day except the tyme of preching and prayer, for stopping of the conventionis in the said kirk during the tyme of thir trublis. Kirk durris.

9 *July* 1578.

[The provost, bailies, and council], ordanis Jhonne Fergusoun to be send to Stirueling for the Kingis leceance to tak the Inglis piratis wpon Precept, thesaurer.

Precept, theasurer.

his Hienes wateris, quhilk was obtenit and delyuerit to the prowest; and ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to gif him sewin li. for his expenssis.

Precept, thesaurer.

The prowest, ballie, and counsall forsaid, ordanis maister James Lawsoun, Jhonne Adamsoune, and Jhonne Jhonstoun of Elphinstoun, to be send to Striueling to the Kyng and his Hienes counsall with their supplicatioun for ordour to be teakin tuiching the controuersie depending amongis the lordis of the nobilitie; and ordanes James Ros, thesaurer, to gif tham twentie li. for bering of their charges.

Precept, Hee Scoill.

The prowest, baillies, and counsall, ordanes James Ros, thesaurer, to stanchell the wondois of the Hee Scoill with iron, and the expenssis to be deducit therupoun salbe allowit in his comptis.

10 *July* 1578.

J^e men to Stirweling.

Jhonne Robertsoun, Henrie Chartouris, baillies, efter their returning from Stirweling, declaris the Kyngis will and command that ane hundreth of the maist abill young men in the toune be send with possibill dilligence, prouydit with hagbut and culwering, to await wpon the Kyngis grace then for serwyng of his Hienes the tym of his present perliament for the space of fyweten dayis; that they be in Stirweling the xiiij of this instant prowydit wpon their awin charges.

The prowest, baillies, counsall, and deaconis concludis and delyweris that ane extent sall be set of ane thousand li. and wpliftit commounlie for furnising of the maist abill men throch all the towne, out of quchom the said hundrethe men sall be wylit furnist as said is of merchantis and craftis men furnising the fyft thairof to [be] wnder the charge of Robert Ker, ballie, elected captane of our commoun consent as said is.

17 *July* 1578.

J^e men to Stirweling.

The prowest, ballies, and counsale, wnderstanding that it is the Kyngis Maiesteis will that the young men in this towne being in Stirweling mak

his Hienes ane scarmeish their, quhairfor thei ordane James Ros to send tham with all dilligence possible fourtie pound wycht of pulder. Jᵉ men to Stirweling.

23 *July* 1578.

The prowest being send for be the Kyngis wrytting to cum to his Hienes to Stirweling with all dilligence, it is concludit that he sall hawe with him in company sex men wpone the townes charges, and ewerie ane of tham in the day twentie schillingis; and ordanes James Ros to gif in hand four dayis wages extending to twentie four li. Precept. Prowest, Ros.

25 *July* 1578.

The ballies and counsall being send for be the Erlis of Atholl, Argyll, and Montrois, and the caus of their conuentioun in this towne being declarit, quhilk was only that thei desyrit the Kyngis libertie furthe of the Castell of Stirweling, quhair thei allegit he was detenit contrar the common weill, etc., and therfor desyrit the assistance and concurrence of this towne, to quhom it wes ansuerit neidfull it wes to tham to adwyse with the counsale of the towne, and thei suld gif their ansuer the morn. Atholl, Argyll, Montrois.

26 *July* 1578.

The ballies, counsall, and deakynnis being convenit in the counsalhous quhair the dissyris of the Lordis aboue wrytin war proponit, quhilk hard and considderit thei, all in ane voce, ordanes Henreis Chartouris and Jhonne Robertsoun, ballies, maister Jhonne Prestoun, Alexander Clerk, Alexander Guthre, and Dauid Damelstoun of the counsall to pas to their lordshipis efter nown and to schawe that this is the Kyngis fre towne, in the quhilk all the Kyngis fre leges salbe weleum indifferentlie, and as to the pairteis contendan, thei hawe to do with nather of tham, nother will thei jiune with tham in their particularis, bot only serwe the Kyng to quhom thei ar only subiect, and to nan wtheris, and therfor maist humblie desyris their lordshipis to keip guid rewll within this towne, and gif it pleis tham to discharge their suldartis, this towne salbe their gard sa lang as the Kyng is nocht in the contrare. Villa, Lordis.

28 *July* 1578.

Villa, watch.

The prowest, ballies and counsall ordanes that their be ane daylie watche at ewerie ane of the twa portis, viz., the West Port and Nether Bow, of twentie persones of the substantius nychtbouris, ilk man in his awin propir persoun, vnder the pain of fourtie schillingis, and the portis be closit daylie at four houris efter nown, and that nychtlie ther be ane stark wetche of ane haill quarter of the towne, quhill farder ordour be teakin.

Writingis to the King.

The prowest, ballies and counsall ordanes James Ros, and James Guthre to be send to the Kyng and to the Erll of Mortoun with their supplicatioun crawing that sum dress may be teakin with the lordis heir and wtheris of the nobilitie for securitie and quietnes of this towne.

30 *and* 31 *July* 1578.

Precept, Ros.

The prouest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis seing the variance dalie to incres betuix the lordis, thay ordane ane writing to be maid in thair names to the Kingis Maiestie and his counsale, and to send maister James Lowsoun, maister Dauid Lindesay, Alexander Vddert, and James Ros, thesaurer, with thame, togidder with Thomas Aikinheid, to perswaid and exhort for peace and quyetnes in this apperant trublis, dalie incresand amangis the nobelitie; and ordanis Ros to pay thair expenssis.

Villa, prouest.

The baillies and counsale ordanis write to the prouest in the Castell of Doun in Monteth ansuerand to his bill quhair he desyris siluer to be send for furnissing of his seruandis grauttis, that in case he be wairdyt for the townys cause, thair expenssis sal be payit; vtherwise thay dar nocht quhill the cause be forther knawin.

2 *August* 1578.

Forrest, hospitall.

The baillies and counsall fyndis that Jhonne Thomesoun, gatherar of the almouis for the pvre at the hospitall is ane drunkard, and awaitis nocht on his office, and sua the pure ar defraudit, quhairfoir they discharge the said Jhonne, and ordanis the maisteris of the hospitall to reseve Stevin Forrest in his place.

The baillies and counsall ordanis to big vp with erd and stane the Grayfreir poirt, the Cowgait poirt, and the Watter yett to remane clois induring thair willis. Poirtis.

6 *August* 1578.

The baillies and counsall appoyntis maister Jhonne Gordoun, wrycht, for ruiffing of the Hie Scole in the Blakfreir Kirkyaird, and grantis that he sal have for his laubouris for euery ilk kippill thairof aucht schillingis. Ruiff. Hie Scole.

7 *August* 1578.

William Littill, in presens of the counsall, delyueris to Alexander Guthre, clark, the gift of the hospitall; and askit instrumentis. Gift, hospitall.

8 *August* 1578.

In presens of the baillies, counsall, and dekynnis, comperit my Lord Lyndesay, the laird of Cesfurde and Coldenknollis, and efter componing the action at lenth quhilk they the Erles of Atholl, Argile, &c., quhilk as they allegit was onlie the Kingis libertie quhilk they maist desyrit, to the effect that all his lieges mycht have frie acces to him, and thairfoir desyrit quhat assistance the tovne wald mak to thame in this effect. To the quhilk it was ansuerit they beand few of nomber at that tyme, desyrit that they mycht be spairit quhill the morn, quhill they mycht convene thair nychtbouris, dekynnis, and vtheris quha suld haif thair voit with thame; quhairwith the saidis loirdis stude content, and desyrit thame to report the morn efter none. Lordis, villa.

9 *August* 1578.

The baillies and counsall ordanis Bessy Jhonnstoun, the relict of vnquhill Thomas Forbes, pure impotent bedrell, to be placit in the hospitall during thair willis. Jhonnstoun, bedrell.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis, with certan vtheris honest nychtbouris being convenit and of new demandit quhat assistance they wald mak to the lordis in the action concerning the Kingis libertie, Ansueir to the lordis.

Ansueir to the lordis.

efter lang resonyng it is concludit that Alexander Vduart and Jhonne Robertson, baillies, James Ros, maister Jhonne Preston, James Guthre, James Inglis, and Patrick Sandelandis, suld pas to the saidis lordis efter none, and schaw thame that they war the Kingis frie lieges, occupearis and inhabitaris of this his frie burgh and subiect to his Maiestie onlie, of quhome they held thair landis, and wald joyne with na vther persones in thair particularis, bot wald keip thair tovne frie till all the Kingis frie lieges quha suld be welcum heir at all tymes; and this ansuer they ordane thame to geve to the said lordis, and forther to desyre thame that they mak na trubill within this tovne, and they suld have all vther lawfull plesour in thair power.

12 *August* 1578.

Watche.

It is concludit, statute, and ordanit that fra this nycht furth thair sal be ane watche nychtlie of ane haill quarter of the tovne, and to watche for the space of xxiiij houris, begynnand at vj houris at evin, and to endure quhill the morn at the samyn hour, and that bayth of merchant and craftismen and vtheris, but exception of personis, to walk in thair awin person with sufficient armour and waponis, vnder the payne of viij s. vnforgevin, to be disponit to the keparis of the corsgaird and keparis of the poirtis on the daylicht, and this ordour to be kepit induring the tyme of thir trubilis, or quhill vther ordour be taikin.

15 *August* 1578.

Precept, Ros.

The expenssis maid and debursit be Alexander Vddert and Henry Nysbet, commissaris in the parliament at Striueling, hard, sene, and considderat be [the bailies and council] thay fynd the samyn extendis to the sowme of thrie score tuelf pundis vi s. viij d., quhilk thay ordane James Ros to refund and pay to thame.

25 *August* 1578.

Sulderttis, stepill.

[The provost and council] ordanis ten sulderttis to be rasyt and gevin vnder the charge of Jhonne Anstruther, and put in the stepill of this burgh, for keiping of the samyn during the prouest, baillies, and

counsalis [wills] and that thay be burges men induellaris; and euery ane of thame to haue xx d. on the day, induring thair willis, as said is; and that because of the brute of the men of weyr to be rasit be capitane Strauchane; and ordanis the thesaurer to mak thame payment. Sulderttis, stepill.

26 *August* 1578.

The Kingis Maiesties writing resauit frome capitane Thomas Strauchane, to suffer him to strik his drum throuch this toun for lyfting of tua hundreth men of weyr; quhilk being thocht to be the occatioun of trublis in this tyme of variance amongis the nobelitie, and thairfor nocht meit to haue bandis of men within this toun. Precept, thesaurer.

4 *September* 1578.

[The fourpenny loaf to weigh 12 oz.; the sixpenny loaf of the town's bread 18 oz., and "outlandis breid conforme thairto"; the pint of ale to be sold for 8 d.] Pais, braid, aill.

5 *September* 1578.

[Proclamation to be made by sound of bell, that the sixpenny loaf weigh 18 oz. and the fourpenny loaf 12 oz., "weill bakin and dryit."] Pais, breid.

10 *September* 1578.

The prowest, baillies, and counsale ordanis officiaris to chairge capitane Strachone to remowe him self and his cumpaneis of this towne betuixt and Fryday nixt, with certificatioun and he failye thai will tak ordour thairanent as thai sall fynd maist meit for thair commoun weill. Villa, Capitaine Strachone.

12 *September* 1578.

The prowest, baillies, counsale, and dekynis efter reasonyng with the suldartis of the stepill, thai fynd restand awand to thame the fourtene day of September instant exclusiue, allowand to euery ane of thame in the day fourtie penneis and to Johne Anstruther, thair principall, daylie the same space, quhilk is tuentie dayis, fyve s., togidder with tua s. daylie and nychtlie for coill and candill, extending in the haill to threttie sewin pund, quhilk thai ordane James Ros, thesaurer, to pay with diligence. Precept, stepill, Ros.

Rex, villa, electioun of maiestratis.

The copye of the byll send to the Kingis Maiestie concernyng the electioun of the Maiestrettis for the yeir to cum.

Pleis your Maiestie. Efter the ressait of your wryting, yesterday, quhairby we vnderstude that your vther wrytingis send of befoir be the laird of Cleische war nocht sufficientlie ansuerit, that ye vnderstude nocht our menyng, and thairfoir willit ws that our provest, twa of our baillies, twa of our counsall, and twa of our dekynnis suld be send to yow this day to knaw your mynde out of your awin mouth, and thay suld be instructed with the myndes of the haill body of this towne twiching the electioun of our magistrates at the ordinar tym therof nowe approching. According to your Maiesteis will, we commandit ane generall assemblie conuentioun of the haill multitud of merchandis, craftismen, and maist of wtheris the inhabitantis of this your Maiesteis burgh, quhilk syndill hes bein sein heirtofoir, in quhas presence your wrytting resauit fra the lord of Clishe, withe the wrytting resauit yesterday being red, all in ane voce, calling God to their witnessis of their lauchfull and obedient seruice toward your Maiestie at all tymes past, in the quhilk thei mynd lowinglie to contenowe and culd nocht be persuadit that ye wald tak from tham ony libertie or fredome that your predicessouris had grantit and giwin in tymes past, and in the last Parliament haldin at Stirweling ratifeit be your Maiestie self. Therefore hes directit thir beraris to declair and wtter their myndis that thei cane nocht graunt to the diminutioun of ony pairt of their fredomes being trewe subiectis as thei ar and thinkis euir to be, and in speciall to want the free electioun of their magistrates at the tymes appointet, conforme to your lawis, actis of Parliament, and infeftmentis past thairupone, als auncient as their hes bein burous and of the thre estaitis of your realme. Quhairfor be the commoun voce, as said is, thei direct the said beraris gewand tham full commissioun humblie to craiwe the mantenance of their auncient liberteis, and to disasent to quhatsumeuir thing sall be socht or desyrit in preiudice therof, certifeing your Maiestie thei neuir mein to refuis ony thing that sall concerne the weill of your awin persoun, of commoun weill of your realme, ather in body or guidis, and becaus tua of our ballies ar furth of the realme, the thrid aving his

wyfe rady to depairt furth of this warld, we could nocht leif oure toun desolait of the hale maiestratis in this troublesum tyme, and in speciall of oure prouest having your commandment bayth in word and wryt, chargeing ws to keip this your toun surelie at your obedience, quhilk, God willing, we mynde till do in sa fer as may ly in oure power, to quhais protectioun we commyt your Maiestie for now and evir. Off Edinburgh, this xx day of September 1578. Your Maiesteis humbill subiectis, the prouest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis of Edinburgh.

Rex, villa, electioun of maiestratis.

The prouest, baillies, counsale, and deakynis be common voic findis the prowest may nocht be sparit to ryd to Stirweling in this present danger, and therfor ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, Henrie Chartouris, ballie, Robert Ker of the counsall, James Wod, deakin of the baksteris, and William Huchesoun, deakin of the Cordineris to pas with the wrytting aboue wryttin, and present and delywer the samyn to the Kingis Maiestie and his counsall and allutterlie disasent to the alteratione of ony of thair priueleges and in speciall to the alteratione of the electioun of the magistratis of this burgh by the auncient and commoun ordour.

This wrytting delyuerit to the Kingis Maiestie and in presence of his Hienes counsall the beraris remanit the maist pairt of twa dayis and returnit but ansuer, and vpoun the morne Hewe Tod presentis the Kingis wrytting desyring to elect Alexander Clerk, prowest, Jhonne Arnot, Androwe Sclatter, maister Michael Chisholme and Jhone Robertsoun, ballies, and Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, and James Ros, thesaurer, for the yeir to cum. Quhilk wrytting was refusit and the persones efter following lytit and wotit to beir office as followis:—[Here are given the names of the persons elected.]

30 *September* 1578.

In presens of the provest, baillies, and counsall, Thomas Aikinheid, for himself and in name of the remanent craftis as he allegit, disassentit that the thre assissouris suld haif voit in electing and voting of the magistratis for the yeir to cum, and siclike that the rollis of the names

Rex. villa, electioun of maiestratis.

of the counsall and baillies suld be voitit efter the ordour following as he desyrit, that is to say, of xij ane as they stand in roll, of xj ane, of x ane, and sua forduat throw the rollis; to the quhilk it was ansuerit that it was ane ordour of thame newlie inuented and desyrit, quhilk neuir was vsit heirtofoir, quhairfoir they disassented to the said Thomas desyres becaus they fand the samyn mair for thair commoditie than for the commoun weill, and forder nouther durst they nor wald they consent to the alteratioun to the auld ordour euir obseruit in sic caissis; and Robert Abircrumby protested for remeid.

1 *October* 1578.

Precept, thesaurer, Ros.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to deburse and pay for the charges of Henry Chairteris, Robert Kar, his awin charges and the charges of James Wod, dekyn of the baxteris and William Huchesoun, dekyn of the cordineris, send to Striueling with the townys writing and ansuer for electioun of oure maiestratis, the sowmes of thretty sex pundis vij s. viij d.; and the samyn sal be allowit in his compttis, produceand the principale compt for his warrand.

Precept, thesaurer.

The baillies and counsale ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to Alexander Vddert the soume of alevin pundis xvj s. vj d., debursyt be him in the townys effaris, vizt:—for ane lyveray to Cudde at his passing to Striueling with the young men, dichting of the new wall, clenging of the thevis hoill, and the vther the commoun effaris, as the particuler compttis deliuerit to the said James berys.

3 *October* 1578.

Precept, Ros.

The prouest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis James Ros, thesaurar, with the auis of Gilbert Dick, Alexander Vddart, maister Johne Prestoun, Williame Litle, to caus big ane dyik of stane wall foirnent the entrie of the Hie Schole in the Blackfreir Kirk yaird for assisting of the wedder.

4 *October* 1578.

Pais breid.

[The four penny loaf to "keip the pais and weycht" of 12 ounces.]

[Ale to be sold at sixpence the pint, "and that in respect the nyne firlottis of groundoun malt is to be sauld for nyne pund, ten schillingis, and the boll of beir for fyiftie schillingis."] Price aill.

8 *October* 1578.

[The provost, bailies, and council are ordained to convene every Wednesday and Friday for reasoning upon the common affairs of the town "vnder the payne of auchtein penneis to be put in the box for the puir vnforgiffin."] Counsall dayis.

11 *October* 1578.

[Two of the lord provost's servants were made burgesses, and the duties given them, one by right of the provost's office, and the other at his request.] Burgesses.

12 *October* 1578.

The prouest, bailleis, and counsell vnderstanding my lord prouest to be summonit to compeir befoir our Souerane Lord and lordis of secreit counsell, to ansuer vpoun the complaynt giffin in aganis him and the guid town for allegeit taiking of certane wictualis fra the said Kay, they being send thair, ordanit James Ros, thesaurer, deliuer to him fourtie pundis. Prouest, precept, Ros, Cay.

17 *October* 1578.

The prouest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis Williame Little, maister Johne Prestoun, James Ros, Alexander Vddart, Patrick Kinloche and James Inglis to apponit and aggre with the masonis for bigging of the new wall at the eist end of the kirk, and eftir as thai agre ordanis Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, to furneis thame all necessaris and pay thair chairgeis. Precept, gild, kirk wall.

5 *November* 1578.

In presens of the provest, bailleis, and counsell and deakonis, it being proponit be [*blank*], constable of the castell of this burgh, for the pairt of Alexander Erskin, capitane thairof, that as he wes informit auld capitanis befoir him had the priuilege at all tymes quhen malt and Castell, myllnis.

Castell, myllnis.

wtheris deir wictuallis come to the commoun mylnis of this burgh, the samyn wes ressauit but impediment, but preferment of places; and ansuer wes promisit to gif thairanent the nixt counsell day, willing the said constable to compeir the said day and ressaue his ansuer, quhilk he acceptit.

Villa, passages, New Heauin.

The provest, bailleis, and counsell vnderstanding that thair commoun passages to and fra thair new heawin are stopit and narrowit be [*blank*] Logane of Bonnyntoun, quhairfoir thay ordane the said provest with soume of the bailleis and wtheris of the counsale and deakynis to sic nummer as thay please, to pas and visie the saidis passages, reforme the samyn, and mak thame patent conforme to thair ancient and prestand ordour as thai will ansuer to thair vthermest chairge.

Villa, stepill.

The prouest, bailleis and counsell dischairgeis the ten souldiouris, keparis of the stepill, fra this day furth, and onelie four men to the keiping thairof for fyiftein or twentie dayis at the farrest allannerlie at thair plessour.

7 *November* 1578.

Statuta, candill.

[Candles to be sold for 1s. 4d. the pound for the "raig weik;" and 1s. 2d. the pound for the "hardin weik."]

10 *November* 1578.

Rochell wynis.

[Rochell wine, and "small wynis laitlie cum hame," to be sold not dearer than 1s. 8d. the pint.]

11 *November* 1578.

Villa, Dalmehoy, burs, Leith.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis vnderstanding Johnne Dalmehoy in Leith to hai obtenit ane gift of that pairt of the landis lyand in thair bulwark, sumtyme callit the commoun closetis and of new callit the burs; and that he hes the Kingis confirmatioun thairvpoun vnder his Hienes greit seill with precept of sesing as accordis; Quhairfoir they ordane Andrew Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to delyuer to the said Johnne sovme of ane hundreth merkis for his rycht and titill thairof

and the pertinentis, the said Johnne resignand the samyn in the handis of ane of the baillies of Leith for heretabill infeftment to be gevin to the tovne and thair successouris thairof, the saidis Johnnis titillis and evidentis being delyuerit to Alexander Guthre and Alexander Vdert conforme to the appoyntment maid be thame with the said Johnne at the command of the provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaid.

Villa, Dalmeloy, burs, Leith.

The provest, baillies and counsall, vnderstanding the Erll of Atholl, chancellar, to mak his remaning within this burgh for doing of justice in his office, and that it lykis his lordship best to haif his duelling in the luging quhilk he presentlie occupeit sumtyme callit Dauid Foresteris hous, they ordane the baillies and counsall foirsaid to aggrie with Dauid Nicoll and his wyfe, heretouris and possessouris of the samyn for sufficient payment of the mall of samony of the saidis houssis as sal be found meit and convenient for the said lord, his lady, and company, and that they sall mak the samyn patent to thame agane his nixt cuming to the tovne, and incais the said Dauid, his wyfe, or ony vther possessour of ony of the said houssis be wilfull, and will nocht glaidlie grant heirto, they ordane because the said hous hes euir bene ane hous of lowage rady to serue euery honest man for payment in respect of the said lord chancellaris auctorite having honorabill office in action of justice, they ordane the saidis wilfull possessouris to be removit as said is and reasonabill price set thairvpoun, and the chancellaris obleissis him to releve thame thairof.

Villa, chancellar, Foresteris luging.

In presens of the provest, baillies, and counsall comperit Henry Nesbett, burges of this burgh, commissionar for the merchant estait of this realme, laitlie efter his arryvall from the pairtis of Flanderis and producit and delyuerit the appoyntment and conclusion taikin with the tovne of Campfeir for placing of our staipill thair, writtin in parchement in the Frenche tong, vnder the common seill of the said tovne; quhilk weill accepted, and his diligence allowit, they ordane the samyn to be delyuerit to the common clark to remane in their register, and the samyn to be transumed and delyuerit to all the burrowis of this realme desyrous thairof, vpoun thair resonabill expensis.

Appointment, burrowis, Campfeir.

14 *November* 1578.

Sereffs.

Efter ressonyng to quhome the sereffis gluffis and dewetie of the fairis of this burgh, fyndis and delyveris that the samyn dois appertene and hes ewer appertenit to the provest outwith the poirt, as seref-principale of the said burgh and to the bailleis within the poirt his depuittis, nochtwithstanding that Edward Masser hes bene collectour thairof for the said provest and seriandis for the saidis bailleis, quhilkis deweteis the saidis provest and bailleis hes euir disponit lyik as thay may dispone thairvpone at thair plessouris.

24 *November* 1578.

Wilsoun, Jaksoun, extent.

The provest, bailleis, and counsell eftir ressonyng findis and delyweris that Johne Wilsoun and Johne Jaksoun, sones in law to Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, nochtwithstanding the argument takin be him in thair defence, sall pay thair extent in all tymes cuming, and that in respect of thair traffique, and becaus thai haif thair remanyng within this burgh and may traffique quhen it lyikis thame.

Ros, precept.

The prouest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis James Ros to pay to the men of the stepill conforme to thair compt giffin in be thame the sowme of thre scoir sewintein pund, in compleit payment to the xxv day of October.

3 *December* 1578.

Commissaris, Striueling.

The Kingis Maiesteis writting directit vpone the bak to the burgh of Edinburgh, off the quhilk the tennour followis:—Burgh of Edinburgh, we greit yow welle. Our nobilitie and counsale laitlie heir convenit nocht thinking thame selfis a sufficient nomber to deliberat and tak finall ordour in syndrie wechty materis concerning our estate and the commoun quietnes of our realme, it is thairfoir thocht convenient be ws [with] thair aduise that a gede nummer of our haill estaites salbe heir convenit wpoun the xv day of Januar nixtocum, to the quhilk day we desyr yow that ye will nocht faill to send your commissioneris that the materis resting vnresoluit may be then deliberat vpoun be commoun consent and guide awyse of our haill estaites that salbe present. This we

commit yow to God. At our Castell of Striueling the xxiij day of November 1578. JAMES R. Quhilk writting red and considderit, ordanis certane discreit men, maist qualefeit of thair counsell, to keip the appointit day aboue written, and commissioun to be giffin to thame according to the ordour, and in the mene tyme ordanis sum of the said counsell to be sent to Striueling to his Hienes and lordis of secreit counsell lamenting the hurt done to the estait of burrowis and in speciall the setting of the lait taxt set furth for repressing of the inobedient subiectis wpone the bordouris send with the Lord Ruthuen, his Hienes louiftennent. Commissaris, Striueling.

Archiebauld Stewart, provest, disasentis to the lettres sent be deliuerance and actis of the lordis of secreit counsell wnder his Hienes signet, insafer as the samin ar preiudiciall to the estait of merchantis, contrair the tennour of the actis of parliament. and protestit for remeid quhen tyme and place sall serve; yit nochttheless fand guid the extent for the pairt of this burgh to be gatherit and inbrocht and had in redines, yit nocht to be deliuerit befoir the commissaris of burrowis wer forder hard; and Gilbert Dik, baillie, protestit inlykmaner, and thai ordane the saidis lettres to be registrat, of the quhilk the tennour followis: JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, to the Provost and Baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, and to our lovittis Williame Porteous, messingeris, oure schereffis in that pairt, coniunctlie and seuerallie specialie constitute, greting: Forsamekle as our peicable and guid subiectis of our realme, inhabiting the cuntreis ewest our bordouris, ar heivylie oppressit be the stouthisreiffis and vtheris enormiteis of the thevis and brokin men duelland wpoun the saidis bordouris, as alsua be thair frequent ryding and incursionis in Ingland without redres, the peax betuix the realmes sa endangerit that without spedie remeid it may be the occasioun of mony and gryit inconveniencis, and sen experience hes declairit that nocht onlie ane present repressing of the thevis is requisit bot sum ordinar force to be employit for ane certane space to repres sic fugitiue and owtlawis as may lay out efter the ordour takin thairfoir. For suppoirting of the chairges to be maid thairanent the Estaitis convenit hes willinglie grantit Protestatio, Preposito et Dyk.

Protestatio, Preposito et Dyk.

ane taxatioun of tuelf thousand pundis money of our realme to be payit betuix and the first day of Januar nixtocum, that is to say, four thousand thre hundreth threscoir sex pundis xiij s. iiij d. be the Spirituall estait; four thousand thre hundreth threscoir sex pundis xiij. s. iiij d. be the Barronis and fre halderis; twa thousand ane hundreth threscoir seiventein pundis xv s. vj d. twa pairts of a penny be our Borrowis; and ane thousand four scoir aucht pundis xvij s. ix d. twa pairts of a penny, in compleit payment of the said taxatioun, be the fewaris, tenentis, and occupiaris of our propertie; and for inbringing of our burrowis pairt of the said taxatioun our vtheris lettres ar direct quhairwith the provest and baillies of ilk burgh ar chargit to mak payment of the taxt and extent thairof to our traist cowsing and counsallour William Lord Ruthven, our thesaurer and collectour generall of the said taxatioun, betuix and the first day of Januar nixtocum; for quhais relief, Our will is and we chairge yow straitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres sein ye pas and in our name and authorite command and chairge all and syndrie the inhabitantis of the saidis burrowis to convene and elect certane persones to stent thair nychtbouris, and thairefter that ye command and chairge the personis electit to accept the chairge vpone thame in setting of the said stent wpoun the inhabitantis of ilk burgh and to convene and sett the samin and mak ane stent roll thairvpoun as efferis within xxiiij houris nixt efter they be chairgeit be yow thairto, wnder the pane of rebellioun and putting of thame to our horne and eschet and inbring all thair movable guidis to our vse for thair contemptioun, and the said extent being set that ye in our name and authorite command and chairge the burgessis, nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the samin, to mak payment of thair pairtis of the said extent to our saidis prouest and bailleis conforme to the said taxt roll to be maid and gevin out thairvpone, within the space of thre dayis nixt efter thai be chairgeit be yow thairto, vnder the said pane of rebellion and putting of theme to our horne. And gif they failye thairin, the saidis thre dayis being bypast, that ye incontinent thairefter denunce thame our rebellis and put thame to our horne and escheit and inbring all thair movabel guidis to our vse for thair contemptioun, and gif neid be that ye poind and distrenye thairfoir as ye will answer to ws thairvpone; the quhilk to

do we commit to yow coniunctlie and seweralie our full power be thir our lettres, deliuering thame be yow deulie execut and indorsat agane to the berar. Gevin under our signet at our Castell of Striueling the fyiftene day of November and of our regine the twelft yeir, 1578. Per actum Secreti Consilii. Prestatio, Preposito et Dyk.

8 *December* 1578.

The prouest, bailleis and consell ordanis missive billis to be direct with all diligence to Perth, Dundie, Abirdene, Couper in Fyfe, Lynlithgow, Striueling, Air, Irving, Dumfreis, to send thair commisssioneris to convene with the commissioneris of Edinburgh befoir the Kingis Maiestie and lordis of Secreit Counsell for ressonyng wpone the lettres befoir writtin, grantit to my Lord Ruthven, thesaurer, and for resing of the taxt of twelf thousand pund grantit by the auise of the Estaitis contrair the act of parliament, and to meit thair the xx of this instant.

11 *December* 1578.

The provest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis Williame *alias* Sir Williame Makdowgell, collectour of the hospitale of Sanct Paule in Leyth Wynd, to mak compt, reknyng, and payment with the bedmen of Sanct Paulis Wairk of all termes preceiding the feist of Martimes last bypast, and that he compeir befoir thame vpoun Wednisday last of this instant December, bringing with him his perfite compt and reknyng, with certificatioun and he failye he sall be dischairgeit of the said office, and vtheris plaicit thairintill, becaus he wes chairgeit heirto of befoir and disobeyit. Sanct Paulis Wark, Makdougall.

15 *December* 1578.

In presence of the bailleis and counsell Nicolas Vddert, maister Johne Prestoun, Mungo Russell, Williame Wallace, and diuers wtheris merchantis and marinaris desyring thair wynis newlie cum furth of Burdeaulis to be enterit in the townys buikis, thair offeris and prices to be had and ressauit conforme to the ancient ordour and licence grantit to thame to dispone vpone the samyn; to quhome it wes ansuerit that befoir ony forder ordour be taikin with thame, maist neidfull it wes that thair merchand billis sould be first produceit, thair aithis taikin, and giffin Prices, wynis.

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thairvpone, and vtheris solemniteis contenit in the actis of parliament to be obseruit in sik caissis. Quhilkis merchant billis they produceit subscryuit be thair merchantis and factouris within Burdeaulis, and gaif thair aythis that thair saidis wynis cost to thame at the first fiftie aucht frankis ourheid the fraucht and suiring of everie towne thairof twelf pundis fywe schillingis for lakage of everie towne sex li., and sua making thame sewintene schillingis for the frank, they find the Burdeaulis towne of wyne can be na better cheip sauld nor for ane hundreth merkis the tun, and the poynt thairof commonlie for threttie twa penneis; quhilk ordour they ordane to be keipit and obseruit to all our Souerane Lordis lieges quhill forder ordour be taikin. And in the menetyme ordanis proclamatioun to be maid heirof be sound of taborne throchout this towne of Edinburgh and Leith that na persones transgres this present ordinance wnder the panis of fywe pund for the first, ten pund for the secund, and escheit of the wynis for the thrid and last fault, without preiudice of the Kingis actione.

17 *December* 1578.

Taxt, Leith, chairge, Stevinsone.

The prouest, bailleis, and counsell vnderstanding thame selffis to be set and extentit to gryit sowmes of money for furnessing of my Lord Ruthveing, luiftennet and his companeis to the bordouris, thay ordane Walter Cant and Johne Thomesone, baillies of Leyth, to set the inhabitantis thairof to the sowme of threttie pundis according to thair knaulege and conscience and with diligence, collect, delyuer, and imbring the samyn to Andro Stevinsone, thesaurer, as thay will ansuer vpoun thair vthermest chairge.

18 *December* 1578.

Precept, souldarttis, stepill.

The provest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis to pay to the souldarttis keparis of the stepill the soume of fourtie fywe pund nyne schillingis, conforme to the ordour taikin and compt maid be Gilbert Dik, baillie, in compleit payment of thair veages to this day and dischairgeis thame fra thyne furth; and ordanis Andro Stewinsone, thesaurar, to mak payment heirof.

Commissionaris, Striveling.

[The provost, bailies, and council], the deakonis of the baxteris,

barboris, cordineris, tailzeoris, skynneris, masonis, goldsmythis, walkaris, wobsteris, bonnetmakkeris, and fleschouris, efter avisement that this xx of this instant December wes appoyntit for sending of certane commissioneris of burrowis to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes Secreit Counsell in Striueling, for ressonning vpoun certane wrangis allegeit downe to the estait of burrowis contrair the actis of parliament, amongis quhome thai nominat, makis, constitutis, and ordanis thair weilbelouffittis Robert Ker younger, Henrye Nisbet, Henrye Charterous, and James Inglis, skinner, thair procuratouris, actoris, factoris, speciall errand beraris, and commissaris for this burgh gevand thame coniunctlie and seuerale full commissioun *in communi forma*, etc., and ordanis the samin to be seilit vnder the seill of caus and subscryuit be thair commoun clerk as vse is quhairat thai obleist to abyde, etc. Commissionaris, Striveling.

Forsamekle as at the commandment, eirnist requeist and desyr of the provest, bailleis, counsell, and deaconis forsaid, the saidis Robert Ker, Henrye Nisbet, Henrye Charterous, and James Inglis had acceptit the commissioun and procuratioun befoir mentionat toward the Kingis Maiestie and lordis of secreit counsell in Striueling, conforme to the instructionis giffin to thame vnder this protestatioun incais it happinnit thame or onie ane of thame to be trublit, wairdit or huirt in thair body or guidis for the caussis giffin thame in commissioun vnto the tyme ane particular cause be tryit aganis thame deulie as efferis, than and in that cais the saidis provest, bailleis, counsall, and deaconis obleisis thame and thair successouris to content, pay and refound to thame all costis, skaithis and damnages quhilk it salhappin thame to sustene other in body or guidis quhill tryell be tane as said is; and this present act to endure quhill forder ordour be taikin. Protestatio, Kar, Nysbit, Charterous, commissaris.

The provest, bailleis, and counsell in the counsallhous of this burgh, Gilbert Dik, baillie, desyrit my Lord Seytoun, being present thair, to ressaue [*blank*] Ellot, wardour within the tolbuith of this burgh, furth of the samyn, and to keip him suirlie, conforme to the Kingis Maiesteis writting quhilk thay had intimeit to him diuers tymes of befoir as he wald ansuer Lord Seytoun, Dik, Ellot.

Lord Seytoun, Dik, Ellot.

to the King, and the said Loird Seytoun refusit it, allegeand he nor his predicessoris had nocht bein in vse of ressauyng of sic lyke pepill, being safer within the countrey, and thairfoir as of befoir disassentis and refuissis, and Dik askit instrumentis.

19 *December* 1578.

Precept, thesaurer.

The provest, baillies, and counsell ordanis Andro Stewinsone, thesaurar, to deliuer to maister James Lawsoun, minister, to the suppoirt of his expenssis in this his journay to Striueling to the Kingis Maiestie in the caus of the kirk, the sowme of ten pundis, and gif he spendis ony forder, to refound the samyn vnto the said maister James.

24 *December* 1578.

Castell, mylnis.

The prouest, baillies, and counsell ordanis Gilbert Dik, baillie, Robert Ker, baillie, Alexander Vddert, Michaell Gilbert, and Dauid Kinloche, baxter, to pas to Alexander Erskyn, capitane of the castell of this burgh, and entir in ressonyng with him tuiching the dewetie acclamit be [*blank*] Stewart, baxter, allegeit to appertene to the capitannis of the castell of auld, concernyng thair priuieligis in grinding at the tounis mylnis and to repoirt thair ansuer the nixt counsall day to the said provest, bailleis, and counsall.

26 *December* 1578.

Ordour for the Lord Ruthven, extent.

In presence of the provest, bailleis, counsell, and deaconis, comperet Robert Ker younger, Henrye Charterous, Henrye Nisbet, and James Inglis, skynner, commissaris for this burgh, laitlie send to Struieling with diuerss wytheris commissaris of this realme for ressonyng with the Kingis Maiestie and lordis of his secreit counsell tuiching the extent laitlie grantit be thame without auise of the merchand estait etc., for the furnesing of certane hoirsmen, with the Lord Ruthven luiftennent, for ordering of the bordouris, thay produceit ane act and ordinance of the saidis lordis for thair ansuer, of the quhilk the tennour followis, and desyrit the samyn to be registrat for thair wairand: Apud Castrum de Striueling xxiij° Decembris anno domini j^{m} v^{c} lxxviij°: Forsamekle as it being considderit be the Kingis Maiestie and estaitis convenit vpone the

ellevint day of October last bypast how the peciable and guid subiectis of this realme inhabiting the cuntreis ewest the bordouris wer hawelie vppressit be the stouthisreiffis and vtheris enormiteis of the thevis and brokin men duelland vpoun the saidis bordouris, as alsua how be thair frequent ryding and incursionis in Ingland without redres, the peace betuix the twa realmes wes sa indengerit that gif spedie remeid had nocht bene prouidit mony and greit inconvennientis wes able to haif follovit; thairfoir proclamationis wer direct commanding our Souerane Lordis liegeis duelland within diuers sherefdomes of this realme, to convene at certane places and dayis bypast for pursuit of the saidis thevis and brokin men and reduceing of thame to his Maiesties obedience, as at mair lenth is contenit in the proclamationis direct theirvpone, nochtwithstanding it being considderit thairefter how irksum and panefull it wes to his Hienes liegeis to travell in this seasoun of the yeir and thair gryit chairges and expenssis that thairvpoun wald follow, thairfoir for thair ease and releif it wes thocht guid and agreit vpoun be the Estaitis convenit for the tyme, that ane generall taxatioun sould be collectit and tane vp for intertenyng of ane ordinar force to be employit for a certane space on the saidis bordouris, quhilk taxt albeit it be grantit for guide and necessarie caussis tending to the commoun quietnes of this realme quhilk mycht ressaue na delay, yit it is complenit vpoune alsweill in name of the spirituall estait as be the barronis and commissionaris of sum burrowis, that the forme in making and granting of the said taxt wes nocht vsit and obseruit conforme to the actis of parliament, howbeit at the tyme of the making thairof it wes na wyis menit that the samyn sould onyvyis preiuge ony estait of this realme in thair liberteis and priueliegeis nor yit induce ony propertie heireftir bot onelie for relief of the present necessitie, ease of his Hienes guid subiectis, and eschewing of a gritter danger that vtherwyis mycht follow be delay, and thairfor for the bettir satisfactioun of all estaitis of personis the Kingis Maiestie, with auise of the lordis of secreit counsale, decernis and declaris that the forme in granting and making of the said generall taxatioun is nor sal navyis be interpreit as preparatiue, innovatioun or diragatioun of the forme and ordour appointit be the saidis actis of parliament, nor yit that the samin sall on navyis be hurtfull or preiudiciall of the liberteis and

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priuilegis of ony of the estaitis of this realme, bot the samin actis to stand in full strenth force and effect and to haif executioun in all tymes cuming as efferis. Extractum de libro actouris S. D. N. R. secreti consilii per me, Johannem Andro, clericum deputatem eiusdem, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. JOHANNES ANDRO.

7 *January* 1578-9.

The Kingis writing for continuation of the conventioun at Striueling xv^to^ Januarii 1578.

The Kingis writing for continuatioun of the conventioun appoyntit at Striueling xv^to.^ Januarii to the Parliament x^mo.^ Martii.

Toun of Edinburgh. Amangis vtheris of oure nobelitie and estatis we wrait laitlie to yow for sending of sum commissionerris heir vpoun the xv day of Januer instant, bot finding the materis to be tretit vpoun requiring na sic haist bot that thai may be supersedit quhill the parliament appoyntit the ten day of Marche nixt, and having rispect to the wechtines of thame quhilkis cum ta na conclusioun bot be parliament, considdering alsua the present seasoun of the yeir, the schortnes of tyme betuix the appoynttit day of the conventioun and parliament, and how irksome and almaist vnpossebill it is and sould be to keip bayth the dayis within sa schortt space, vpoun consideratioun quhairof, as alsua for that it apperis sundry begynnis to wery that thay sould be drauin hidder sa oft seing sum personis being diuers tymes writtin for to haue reparit vnto ws, and nochtwithstanding come nocht, we haue thocht gude thairfor, with auise of our counsale and nobelite present, to stay the convenyng of yow and vtheris of our nobelite and estatis at this tyme quhill the said parliament, quhairof we thocht gude to gyf yow wairnyng that ye be nocht put to vnnecessare travell or tak occatioun to wery to your oft cuming, traisting in rispect heirof ye will with the better gude will cum prouidit to remane the longer at oure said parliament. Thus for the present we byd yow fair weill. Frome our castell of Striueling, the fift day of Januarii 1578. James R.

Collectouris for releif of the Scottismen with the Turk.

9 *January* 1578-9.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis William Naiper of Wrychtis houssis, Nicolas Vduart and Henry Charteris to pas amang the merchantis

of this burgh and desyr thair almouis and support for the releif and libertie of the Scottismen detenit in Argieris vnder the greit Turk conforme to the Kingis Maiesties lettres direct to all the paroche kirkis of this his Hienes realme and quhat sal be resauit to be delyuerit to sic as ar appoynted in the saidis lettres or as sal be thocht gude be the avyse of the kirk of this tovne and counsall foirsaid, and siclike ordanis Michell Gilbert, goldsmyth, and James Inglis, skynner, to travell amang the craftismen of this burgh for the same effect. Collectouris for relief of the Scottismen with the Turk.

It being found gude be the ministeris and kirk of this burgh that the taibill of the Lord suld be celebrated vpon Sonday nixt in the hospitall of the Ternatie College to the bedrellis thair and sic vtheris as sall resort that day resaving thair tikketis conforme to the ordour, they ordane Lucas Wilson, dene of gild, to prepair for the said taibill all thingis necessar. Precept, gild, hospitall.

23 *January* 1578-9.

The provest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis Johne Johnestoun and Henry Charterous to travell amangis the lordis of sessioun, men of law, and scribes for thair suppoirt of the ministeris stipend, and to repoirt thair ansuer in the nixt counsall day. Lordis, law-eris, scribes.

In presens of the provest, bailleis, and counsell, Johne Achesoun and maister Johne Provand produceit certane wryttingis with ane new commissioun frome the Admirall of Ingland send be Adame Fullertoun for examinatioun of the witnessis in the actioun of the merchandis of this realme; quhilk comissioun the saidis maister Johne Provand and Johne Achesoun hes in thair keping. Comissioun, Admirall of Ingland.

30 *January* 1578-9.

[The bailies, council, and dean of guild] being convenit in the counsalhous of this burgh, and efter reasonyng with Robert Kar, younger, collectour constitute for vplifting and inbringing of the annuellis, males, dewiteis, and emolymenttis quhilkis heirtofore pertenit to preistis, monkis, freris, prebendaris, within this burgh, and now pertenyng to the minis- Collectour of annuellis.

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terris of the samyn, appoynttit for thair stipend, and for the sustentatioun of the pure of the hospitale of the Trinitie College, it was menit be the said collectour, that in default of the jugeis to quhom commissioun wes giffin to sit and juge on sic caussis, and in default of vtheris members of court neidfull, sic as clerk, dempster, seriand, wer nocht as yit nominat, sworne, and admittit thairto, nor creat as ordoure hes been, quhairfore he desyrit the saidis commissaris to be send for, and according to thair commissionis to begin vpoun Moninday nixt, within the tolbuith of this burgh, at laufull tyme of day, thair courtis to fens and hald, thair clerkis, dempsteris, seriandis, and vtheris officiaris to creatt, thair aythis to tak, and heir be sworne with justice to proceid according to the tennour of thair saidis commissionis; quhilk done, God willing, he sould be found diligent in his office, intenting of guid actiones, persewing of the samyn, and forder to proceid to the glorie of God, commoditie of the kirk and hospitale foirsaid; quhilk hard, ressonit be the awyis of the bailleis and counsell afoir writtin, and avysandlie considderit, thay nominat, makis, constitutis, and ordanis maister Alexander Guthrie, eldest sone to Alexander Guthrie, thair commoun clerk, thair clerk to the saidis commissioneris, quha in thair presence being sworn, gaif his ayth for faithfull execution of the said office; and thay ordane thairfoir the collectouris present and to cum, to gif him yeirlie for his panes the sowme of threttie pundis vsuall money of this realm.

Precept, gild, souyth kirk duir.

The bailleis and counsell ordanis Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, with the awyse of maister James Lowsoun, minister, Williame Litle, maister Johne Prestoun, Gilbert Dik, baillie, James Ros, and Alexander Vddert, to big vp the ylis of the kirk and in speciall the souith kirk duir passand to the said maister James lugeing throuch his yaird, quhair now is maid ane place of filth, and making of watter, payument and fluir of the samyn in decent maner according to the devyse of the personis aboue writtin; and the samyn sal be allowit in his comptis, produceand the samyn for his warrand, and siclik to big Sanct Jhonis Ile on the north syde of the kirk.

31 *January* 1578-9.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] being convenit within the counsalehous of this burgh, to quhome it wes proponit be the said provest that he had hard diuers bruittis and rumoris tending to all apperance to sum inquietatioun within this burgh, insafer as become him of his devetie, being thair provest, to be cairfull for the samyn and for every inhabitant thairof, he jugeit it suld be weill done that the watche suld be strenthit and inlargeit induring thair plesuris; quhilk hard and rypelie considderit, thay, all in ane voce, statuittis and ordanis for the better serving of the Kingis Maiestie, that thair sal be ane nychtlie vetche of ane hundreth personis, maist honest and qualefeit men, weill furnesit in thair awin personis with armour and wappinnis, in maner following vizt.—the souyth pairt of the towne to keip the watche the first sax nichtis, and the north pairt nixt four nichtis, to be set and plaisit with the bailleis of the quarteris and sik as thai sall depuit, and that nane be thair bot able and qualefeit men in thair awin personis as said is. Watche.

4 *February* 1578-9.

The bailleis and counsell foirsaid, eftir avisement with the trubbillis quhilkis yesterday chansit betuix the Lord Seytoun and the Laird of Inuermarkie, within the paroche kirk of this burgh, they ordane fra this furth that the duirris of the samyn be steikit and kepit clois fra this day furth, exceptand onelie the tyme of preching and prayeris, and that nane be sufferit for conversatioun or commonyng within the said kirk, and that the beddellis and keparis of the said kirk keip the duirris thairof clois exceptand the tyme befoir exceptit, as thai will ansuir vpone thair vthermest chairge. For cloising of the kirk durris.

The provest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis Johne Johnestoun and maister Johne Prestoun, with awyse of maister James Lowsoun, minister, to entir in ressonyng with maister Robert Pount, provest of the Trinitie College, in the materis betuix the towne and him concernyng the hospitall thair, and to repoirt thair ansuir the nixt counsall day. Hospital.

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Thesaurer Hie Scole, prouest.

[The treasurer is ordained to pay Archibald Stewart, provost, 35 merks "for the Mertimes termes maill, 1578, last," and other 25 merks "for the Witsondayis termes maill, 1579," of the High School, and to give over the said school to the provost, because there is a new school built in the Blackfreir Kirkyard.]

16 *February* 1578-9.

The Kingis writing to keip the conventioun the x of Marche nixt at the parliament at Striueling.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ressauit the Kingis Grace wrytting, off the quhilk the tenour followis:—Toun of Edinburgh, we greit you hartlie weill. Oure parliament being continewit as ye knaw to the tent day of Marche nixt, nixt to cum, and now the dyat shortlie approcheing, quhair sindrye thingis ar to be consultit vpoun tuiching our estait and commoun weill of oure realme, we haue thocht expedient thairfore, be our awin letter, with the auise of oure counsale, to remember you and effectuislie to desyre you that ye will addres and send your commissioneris to be with ws heir at Striueling, the tent day of Marche nixt to cum, that with commoun aduise and concurrance, materis may proceid in sic dew ordour as the grauitie and wecht of thame cravis, to the plesour of God, oure honour and common weill, and commoun weill of oure realme; and sua houpping that ye will nocht fale to caus your saidis commissaris keip this dyat, we commyt yow to the protectioun of the Almychtie. At Striueling, the xiiij day of Fabruer 1578. JAMES R.

18 *February* 1578-9.

Villa, Mureheid, dycer.

Robert Mureheid, accusit for vsing of fals dyce and for dissaving of ane servand of the laird of Buquham fra quhome he wan the sowme of fyftie merkis or thairby, for the quhilk caus he is decernit to remane in waird ay and quhill he rander and restoir the said sowme agane; and incontinent thairefter the said Robert confessit the dissaving of the said lairdis servand, in wynning of the sowme of xxiiij li., quhilk thai ordane to be redeemerit as said is, and the said Robert Mureheid and [*blank*] Lyndsay, his spous, actis thame selffis neuir to be found vsing the

lyik schift within this towne, vnder the pane of banessing the samyn for euir. Vilt, Mareheid, dyeer.

25 *February* 1578-9.

The prouest, bailleis, and counsell ordanis Alexander Clerk, Williame Litle, and Johne Johnestoun to convene vpone Setterday eftirnone nixt with maister Robert Pont, and entir in forther ressonyng with him tuiching the erectioun and fundatioun of the uniuersetcis in the Trinitie College, and repoirt thair ansuer the nixt counsall day. Pont, Litle, Johnestoun, Clerk, vniuersetcis.

27 *March* 1579.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] commandis and chairges Alexander Guthrie, thair common clerk, to gif sesing to maister James Lowsoun and Johne Durie, for thameselfis and in name of the ministeris, of the mans, duelling houssis, and yairdis within Sanct Gelis Kirk yaird, conforme to the designatioun past of befoir; and thai sall warrand him thairof. Sesing, ministeris mans.

1 *April* 1579.

The baillies, dene of gyld, and counsale before writtin ordanis the thesaurer and officiaris of this burgh to charge the inhabitaris and occupearris of the landis, yairdis, bigingis, and houssis quhilk sum tymes pertenit to the Blakfreris of this burgh, now pertenyng to the gude toun, to remove thame selffis, seruandis and guddis, from thair possessionis liand within the glebis and landis and vtheris pairttis adiacent to the Hie Scole of this burgh, at Wytsounday nixt, vnder the hieast pane may be laid to thair charge. Freris landis leding to the Hie Scole.

The bailleis and counsale foresaid ordanis to warne all sic as hes choppis within this burgh having in the samyn stane chymlais within the hie gait, in oppin venellis or commoun passages, that thay remove the samyn betuix and Witsounday nixt, vnder the pane of casting doun of the saidis choppis, but fauouris. Choppis.

6 *April* 1579.

[In presence of the bailies and council] it is concludit that the Thesaurer, Ker, baillie, M'Gillis dochter.

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said Robert Kar, baillie, with ony sic vther tua personis as sall pleis him tak with him, pas to the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes counsale in Strieling to ansuer to the letteris purchest be Jhonne Kennedy and Hew Kennedy concernyng the caus of revissing of maister Dauid M'Gillis dochter; ordanis commissioun be gevin to the said Kar vnder the seill of caus, and Stevinsoun pay his chairges.

10 *April* 1579.

Appoyntment betuix maister William Robertsoun, maister of the Hie Scole, and the gude toun, tuiching the vphald of the samyn wynd tycht, watter tycht, sclait, glas, and all vther necessaris as followis:

Hie Scole, Grammer Scole.

[The bailies and council,] efter lang ressonyng with maister William Robertoun, maister of the new Hie Scole, callyt the Grammer Scole of this burgh, newly foundit and biggit in the kirk yaird, quhair sumtyme stud the Blackfreir kirk of the samyn, tuiching the vphald of the said scole, wynde tycht, watter tycht, sclatis, glas wyndois, and like necessaris, it is concludyt and aggreit betuix baillies [and] counsale foresaid, and the said maister William Robertsoun, in maner following, that is to say, the said maister bynddis and oblissis him to the gude toun to vphald the said scole in all tymes cumming, wynd tycht, watter tycht, in thyking, slating, in durris, glas wyndos, and vther necessaris of the samyn, vpoun his auin charges and expenssis and all vther necessaris, as lokis, durris, braddis, stanchellis of irne, glas wyndois, and all vther necessaris; for the quhilk cause the said baillies and counsale appoynttis and assignis to the said maister and his successouris the auld dewtie vsit and wont, callit *fyrma domus*, and now of new *reparatio* or *sustentatio domus*, that is to say, of ilk bairne that sall resaue instructioun of the said maister within his said scole tua penneis at Witsounday and tua penneis at Mertymes, for the male and vphald of the said scole yeirlie in all necessaris foresaid, and as he presentlie resauis the samyn. . . .

24 *April* 1579.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis maister Jhonne Preston, Alexander Vddert, Robert Kar, younger, William Littill, and Henry Chairteris, of the counsall, together with maister Clement Littill, maister Alexander Sym, aduocatis, to convene thame selues in the ministeris luging the morn be four houris efter none, for taiking of ordour anentis the founding of ane universitie, and to repoirt the nixt day. Villa, uniuersitie.

29 *April* 1579.

The provest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis foirsaidis having respect to the gude and thankfull seruice, together with the lairge expenssis maid be Robert Kar, baillie, of the yeir past, in his remaning in Striveling as capitane over ane hundreth men sent be the gude tovne thair to remane induring the tyme of the parliament, conforme to our Souerane Lordis wryting direct to thame to that effect, they ordane the auditouris of comptes to allow to him fourty pundis for his expenssis during the space of fyvetene dayes quhilkis he remanit thair, and this present ordinance salbe thair warrand. Villa, Kar, auditouris of comptes.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis foirsaidis efter lang resonyng with the complaynt of maister William Robertoun, maister of the Hie Scole of this burgh, makand mention that the instructouris or doctouris of the youthheid vnder his chairge, in respect of thair parentis greit ingratitude in having na regaird to thair continuall travell and diligent instructing of the same, war of mynde to transpoirt thame selues to sic vther pairtis, quhairat they mycht resave greitter commoditie, alsveill in literature as to thair honest sustentatioun, quhilk, gif sua happynit to be, the sam suld be ane greit disprayse to the haill inhabitantis of the samyn burgh, by and attour the greit skaith the haill youthheid suld sustene for laik of eruditioun except remeid war provydit thairto. For remeid quhairof, they statute and ordane that in all tymes cuming, ilk bairn resauing instructioun in the said Hie Scole, being born bairn within this burgh, sall pay quarterlie to the maister thre schillingis and to Villa, maister and doctouris of Hie Scole.

Villa, maister and doctouris of Hie Scole.

his doctour twa schillingis, and the said maister and doctouris to take of ilk landwart bairn his aduantage; and sic like that na maner of scole maisteris in ony tyme heirefter be permitted to instruct or lern ony youthheid within this burgh, except they be first admitted be the provest, baillies, and counsall thairto, efter dew examination and tryell tane of thair qualificatioun be the avysce of the ministeris of this burgh, and that vnder the payment of ane vnlaw and pvneisment of the contravenar personis heirof at the juges will, and ordanis publicatioun to be opvnlie maid throw all the pairtis of this burgh to the effect nane pretend ignorance.

1 *May* 1579.

Proclamatio, Robene Hude playes.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis foirsaidis ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh be sound of tabouryne that na inhabitant within this burgh presume to accompany any sic as ar of mynde to renew the playes of Robene Hude, or assist the defence or persute of ony catt hoillis within this burgh common mylnis or ony vther pairtis thairabout, vnder the paynis of pvneisment of thame in thair bodies and gudes at the juges discretioun.

5 *May* 1579.

The Kingis writting of the asseige of Hammiltoun.

In presence of [the bailies and council,] the dekyn of the hammermen, baxteris, goldsmyths, masonis, wrychtis, barbouris, furrouris, wobstouris, walkeris, bonetmakeris, the said Archibald Stewart, provest, presented the Kingis Maiesties wryting quhilk he affermit he had resauit yestirnicht at aucht houris at evin, direct to the provest, baillies, counsall, dekynnis, and haill communitie of Edinburgh, of the quhilk the tenour followis:—Traist freindis, we greitt yow hertlie weill. Oure dewtie to God in doing of justice and suretie of our person, estait, and commoun weill of our realme, cravis that the authouris of the maist crewell murthouris of our progenitouris and deirest freindis salbe pvneist as their wickit and tresonabill deseruings hes worthelie merited, seing the lawis of God and man sua allowis and that our maist faithfull counsallour and weilwillaris hes thocht the samyn maist necessar to be done without dilay, we have thairfoir commandit the personis of Clawde and Jhonne Hamyltonis sone to

the vmquhill Duik of Chatellerault cheiflie culpabill of the said crewall morthoweris and declarit tratowris to ws to be apprehendit to the executioun quhairof the concourance of our maist faithfull and trew subiectis is requiset. Quhairfoir we desyr yew maist effectuouslie that, with the haill force and power that presentlie ye may mak, ye faill nocht to addres yow with all possabill speid efter the seicht heirof to bear Hammiltoun and fra thyne to sic vther pairt, gif neid be, as ye salbe certefeit be thame quhome we sall direct to lat yow knaw forther of our mynd, thair to assist this our awin caus tuicheing our selff sumeirlie, as ye will declair ye sall prwfe of thair effectioun to ws and desyr our rest and fauour and gude will. This we commit yow to God. At our castell of Striueling, the secund day of May 1579. The Kingis writting of the asseige of Hammiltoun.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis Robert Kar, baillie, Jhonne Jhounstoun of the counsale, and Jhonne Guthre, notar, to pas to Hew Tod, the clerk, and desyir the copye of the Kingis letteris quhilk war proclamit yister nicht efter viij houris at evin for passing to Hammyltoun, quhilk the said Hew alegit war send to Striueling and had nocht the samyn; and the said personis with Alexander Bruce and Dauid Williamson askit instrumentis. Prouest, Tod.

The prouest, baillies, counsale, and dekynnis ordanis Andro Stevinsoun, thesaurer, and Jhonne Jhounstoun of the counsale, to pas to the Lordis at Hammyltoun for ordour to be taikin with certane men of weyr to be send to the doun casting of Hammyltoun, quhair it wes aggreit that ij^c men sould be send for ane moneth; and ordanis the said thesaurer to pay the chargis quhilk salbe allowit. Assege, Hammyltoun.

7 *May* 1579.

The prouest and counsale ordanis ane proclamatioun to be maid be sound of trumpet that all maner of man within this burgh pas fordwert with deligence to the assault of Hammyltoun, vnder the panys conteinit the proclamatioun. Assege, Hammyltoun.

Villa, craftis.

The dekynnis of craftis oblis thame to furnys ane hundreth and fyftye men, gude sulderttis, to pas to Hammyltoun vpoun thair charges, for quhome thay oblis thame to ansuer to awaît vpoun my Lord Prouest, at his remanyng fra Hammyltoun for keiping of the gude toun and to haue iij s. on the day

Precept, thesaurer, Grahame.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis Andro Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to deliuer to Archibald Grahame for his charges send to Striueling with writingis to the King, the sowme of ten li.

9 *May* 1579.

Extent, souldartis, Hammiltoun.

The prouest, baillies, counsale, and deiknes grantis and sentis that ane generall extent of xij^{c} pundis salbe liftit and rasit of the nichtbouris of this burgh for the waiges and furneissing of twa hundre men to be send to the saige of Hammiltoun, and ordanes thame to pas away with all deligence.

Capitanis Yourstoun and Inglis.

Capitanis William Yowrstoun and James Inglis ar chosin capitanes ouer thir cumpaneis. Thay haue acceptit the chairg and gewin thair aithis for trew seruice and faithfull obedience to the King, and sall depairt vpoun the mornyng tymlie.

15 *May* 1579.

Prouest, Hammilton, Streweling.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis the thesauaray to delyuer to the said provest for the ane hundrethe and threscoir menis expenssis quhilk watcheithe daylie and nychtlie in this toun during the nychtbouris being in, fourtie twa pundis x s.; for certane chairges maid be the baillies for careing of writting to Hammiltoun and Streweling, and to Robert Ker, baillie, direct alswa with his twa serwandis to Streweling in the tounis effairis in the tyme of the alssalt of Hammiltoun with the saidis writtingis, four pundis x s.

22 *May* 1579.

Conuening off the counsalouris.

The prowest, baillies, and counsale foirseing and knawing the

appointit dayis and houris to the counsale vpoun the counsale dayis to be ouersene and nocht keipeit, quhairthrow the commoun effairis ar neglectit, for remeid quhairof thay ordane ilk counsalour to keip thair counsale dayis appointit, and entir to the keiping of the counsale dour befoir the counsale bell sceis reinging, and commandis that the dene of gild be present with the counsale box, and tak of ewerieman that keipis nocht this ordour half ane merk, to be applyit to the puier, but fauouris. Conuening off the counsalouris.

29 *May* 1579.

The prouest and counsale ordanis Jhonne Adamsone, Henry Charteris, and Jhonne Adamsone, to travell amangis the lordis of sessioun, scribis, and men of law, for thair support to the ministrie, and report with diligence. Support, ministrie.

11 *June* 1579.

Be the ordinance and command of Gilbert Dik, Luik Wilsoun, dene of gild, Andro Stewinsoun, thesaurer, Alexander Vdwart, [and five others of the council], Robert Ker, baillie, past to the Hie Scole of this burgh, quhair sumetyme wes the Blakfreir kirk of the samyn, and thair possessit and placit maister William Robertoun as maister thairoff, with the haill bairnes, and delyuerit to him the houssis and keyis thairoff, conforme to the actis and ordinance maid betuix thame and the said maister wan of befoir. Villa, Hie Scole.

24 *June* 1579.

Alexander Young, chalmer cheild to the Kingis Maiestie, presentis his Hienes writing desyring all sic as ar chosin dekynnis quhilkis had thair remanyng in Edinburgh the tyme of the troublis, quhilk ar now chosin dekynnis, be deposit, and sic vtheris as seruit his Hienes be electit in thair places, and the ansuer to be send with deligence. Villa, Rex.

26 *June* 1579.

The baillies and counsale, efter avisement with the Kingis Maiesteis writing tuiching the dischargeing of the dekynis quhilkis remanyt in Edinburgh and seruit the Kingis rebellis the tyme of the rebellioun of the castell of Edinburgh, the hale dekynnis of craftis being convenit to Dekynnis changeit.

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counsale and consent requyrit for satefeing of the said writing, thay fynd that Richesoun, saidler, seruit in the said toun the tyme of the rebellioun aboue writtin and electit Robert Abircrumby, saidler, in his place, quha seruit the Kingis Maiestie the tyme of the said troublis, to be dekyn in his place for the yeir to cum; in place of Thomas Diksoun, saidler, Archibald Leche; in place of William Fyddes, baxster, Thomas Andersoun, baxster; in place of George Heriot, Edwert Hart, goldsmyth; in place of William Weyr, cordainer, James Watsoun, cordiner; in place of Andro Williamsoun, wrycht, Thomas Wod, wrycht; in place of Thomas Blyth, wobster, Richert Dalglesche; in place of Thomas Andro, William Couttis; and becaus the remanent dekynis seruit the King Maiestie the tyme foresaid, thay ar continewit in thair places during the tyme aboue writtin.

27 *June* 1579.

Forman, counsalour.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale cheis James Forman, merchant, to be vpoun the counsale in absence of Jhonne Robertsoun, presentlie in France, and to haue voit in his place as ane counsalour quhill he returne on to Mychaelmes nixt.

30 *June* 1579.

Buryale, Athole.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] granttis and permittis that vpoun the wester pairt of Walter Chepmanis iyle fornent the Erle of Murrayis tombe salbe brokin, and thair ane buriall place be maid for the Erle of Athole.

13 *July* 1579.

Villa, craftis burgessis.

Maister Johne Prestoun, Johne Johnstoun, Alexander Clark, Alexander Vddart, Williame Littill, efter ressoning with the deaconis, being personallie present, findis that it hes bein hurtfull and aganis the commoun weill the passing of craftmen to haue libertie or fredome within this burgh, befoir thai be first presenttit be the supplicatioun desiring to be maid burges conforme to the auld ordour; quhilk the saidis deakynnis grantit and thoucht maist ressonabill, and thairfoir consentit in cace that ony craftman vse the fredome of ane freman befoir his admis-

sioun in maner foirsaid, thai ar content to tyne thair scill of caus, privilegis, and fredomis thairof. Villa, craftis burgessis.

Alexander Guthre, commoun clerk of the said burgh, desyrit ane ansuer to be gevin to him to his supplicatioun producit tuiching the placing and doun setting of maister Alexander Guthre, his sone, as his depute in his office of commoun clerkschip, conforme to his previlege and fredome contenit in the gift of his said office. To the quhilk it wes ansuerit be maister Johne Prestoun, Alexander Clerk, Alexander Vddert, Johne Johnestoun, Robert Hendersoun, and Robert Abercrummy, haiving commissioun as chosen for the part of the counsale, that in that caus, in respect of the prowestis absence, thai wer nocht sufficientlie resoluit, nowther could thai at that tyme gif ane sufficient ansuer to the said supplicatioun, bot promesit vpoun Wednisday nixt sould enter in ressoning thairanent with the counsale and report ane ansuer the said day. Villa, Guthre, commoun clerk.

15 *July* 1579.

The prowest, baillies, and counsale ordanis Luik Wilsoun, deane of gild, to deliuer and pay to Robert Gardiner, the soume of fiftie fyve schillingis for dressing, laubouring, saiving, and setting of heirbs, seidis, and flouris in maister James Lowsounis yaird, having with him twa seruandis the space of thre dayis, and siclike to pay five schillingis for mending of lokkis, keyis, and bandis to the clerkis chalmer. Precept Wilsoun, gild.

21 *July* 1579.

[The bailies and council,] vnderstanding it to be the Kingis Maiesties mynde that thair is certane gentill men strangerris of the natioun of Germany to cum to this toun, and his Hienes willing them to be honorabillie ressauit, ordanis that ludgeing and vther thingis necesser be prepared for thame, and that thai be sufficientlie intertenit on the tounis chargis. Rex, villa, Germanis.

The baillies and counsale foirsaid ordanis that the Germanis be ludgeit in Robert Keris hous, and him to prepair thingis that is neidfull Rex, villa, Germanis.

Rex, villa, Germanis.

for thair remaning; and the said Robert to furneis the samyn vpoun the tounis chargis, quhilk thai ordanit to be refoundit agane to him.

22 *July* 1579.

Rex, villa, Germanis.

The baillies, counsale, and deakynnis ratefeis and apprevis the actis and ordinancis maid for the Germaneis aboue written and continewis the ansuer to the Kingis Maiestie tuiching the avancement of foure or fyve thowsand pound befoir writtin.

24 *July* 1579.

Rex, Troyfet to be let to liberty.

The baillies, counsale, and deakynnis, efter avisement with the Kingis Maiesteis writing quhairof the tenour followis, thay ordane the samyn to be registratt:—Rex. Prouest, baillies, and counsale of Edinburgh, we greit yew weill. It is oure wyll, and we command you that incontinent eftir the sicht heirof, ye let to libertie and fredome furth of waird out of your tolbuith, Jonye Troyfet, callit cok Jhonne, as ye will ansuer to us thairupoun, keipand thir presenttis for your warraind. Subscriuit with oure hand at oure Castell of Striueling, the xv day of Julii, and of oure regnne the tuelf year 1579. James R.

Collector of kirk annuals.

The prouest, [bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] efter avisement in consideratioun taikin tuiching the greit necessitie of ane skeilfull and diligent collectour of thair annuallis and deweteis pertening to the kirk within this burgh of Edinburgh, siclike in consideratioun of the skaith sustenit in tymes past be negligent persute of personis addettit thairfoir, hes gevin and be thir presentis gevis thair full power and commissioun to Johne Johnestoun, merchand and burges of this burgh, to ask, crave, intromit with, vplift, and tak all annuelrentis, maillis, fermis, obitis, daill siluer, or vther dewiteis quhatsumeuir, baith to burgh and land, pertening to the communitie of this burgh, to the dispositioun of umquhile Quene Marie, the Kingis Maiesteis mother, or ony vther maner quhatsumeuir pertening to us . . . thairfoir thai assignne to him ane yeirlie pensioun of ane hundreth pundis during the tyme of his office of collectoury to be allowit to him in his comptis for his travaill to be tane in the premissis.

29 *July* 1579.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] efter reasonyng in the actioun depending betuix the gude toun and Johne Wilsoun, in Plesance, tuicheing the careing of his victualles and malt from the mylnis of this burgh to the Cannomylnis, he being subiect to grind his wictualles and cornis at the commoun mylnis of this said burgh, ar dettbund thairto, be richt of certane aikeris he haldis of the gude toun; for the quhilk caus thair was poindit and arreistit certane hors and cornis passing to the saidis Cannomylnis quhilk pertenit to the said Johne Wilsoun, and the samyn being desiret to haue bene deliuerit to him agane vpoun cautioun to ansuer to the gude toun according to the law, it was demandit of him quhat the said hors wer worth, to quhome it was ansuerit to the said Wilsoun that his hors wes worth the soume of xl li.

Mylnis, Wilsoun, hors poindit.

20 *August* 1579.

[The bailies, dean of guild, council, and deacons of crafts] ordanis as of befoir that ane copburde of syluer, ourgiltt, of weichtt vnderwrittin, be maid and prepaired with diligence to the Kingis Maiestie cuming to Edinburgh, viz.:—Ane basene and ane lawer weyhand vj^{xx} vnces; twa flaketis of viij pundis wecht; sax coupis with coveris, every ilk ane of four thairof to wey tuenty aucht vnces, and vther twa of tuenty four vnces the peir; four chandleris of sax scoir vnces; ane salt faltt of tuenty four vnces; ane trunchour of tuenty vnces; ane dozoun of trunchouris at x vnces the pece; summa, vj^{xx} vnces; and this wark gevin to be maid rady with all diligence to Eduard Hertt, Thomas Drummand, George Hereot, Adam Craig, and William Lokky, Goldsmyth, and they to wark the samyn in sic decent and substantious maner as salbe thocht expedient be the visitouris and oursearis appoynted to the veseing thairof of the tovnis mark, and that the samyn be compleit agane the [*blank*] day of [*blank*] nixttocum; for the quhilkis causis the saidis provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis ar bund to furneis to the saidis goldsmythis in dew tyme sic sufficient wecht of syluer as mychtest

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serue thair turn for the mair haistie entree thairof, and the saidis goldsmythis to haif for the making and ourgilting of euery ilk vnce of the said wark to be maid be thame fyve schillingis Scotis at the completing of the said wark; and siclike ordanis the baillies to provyde syluer, and vpoun the prices to be gevin thairfoir the saidis baillies to geve thair obligationis to thame quhom fra they resave the said syluer, and they to releve them.

21 *August* 1579.

Villa, Humbisden, imbassadour.

The provest, [bailies and council,] being convenit in the counsalhous, the said Robert Kar, baillie, presented vnto thame ane bill direct from the Kingis Maiestie for interteneing of the Lord Humbisden, the Quene of Inglandis imbasadour, quha is to arryve heir in Scotland; off the dait, at the Castell of Striveling, the 18 of August instant.

26 *August* 1579.

Rex, villa, triumphe.

The provest, [bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] condiscendis and aggreis, all in ane voce, [that] preparatioun be maid for the Kingis triumphe, and to the expenssis to be maid thairon and vpoun ane propyne to be maid to his Hienes at his heir cuming, and assignis the morn be sax houris to convene to this effect.

27 *August* 1579.

Extent, iiij^{m} pundis.

They all in ane voce condiscendis vnto ane extentt of four thowsand li. to be raisit of all the nychtbouris of this burgh, alsveill craftismen as merchantis, for making of ane copbirde of syluer or gold to the Kingis Maiestie and vther trumphis, agane his cuming to this burgh.

4 *September* 1579.

Visitouris, maistir of the Hie Scoles tragedies.

[The bailies and council] ordanis James Lowsoun, minister, William Littill, and Jhonne Jhonstoun to pas to the Hie Scule of this burgh and

vesie the maister of the Hie Scoles tragedies to be maid be the bairnis agane the Kingis heir cuming and to repoirt. Visitouris, maister of the Hie Scoles tragedies.

11 *September* 1579.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis, vnderstanding the tyme of the Kingis Maiesties entrie to approche, and to the effect for decoration of this burgh, it behovis certan honest nychtbouris to be honestlie apparrellit in clothing agane that tyme, thairfoir, all in ane voce, they have concludit, statute, and ordanit that al sic of the merchantis of this burgh as ar extented to ten li., or above, have euery ilk ane of thame ane govne of fyne blak chamlett of silk of cierge, barrit with veluous efferand to his substance, and all sic as ar extented aboue saxtene li. to have thair govnis of the lyke stuff, the breistis thairof lynit with veluous and begaircit thairwith, with cotis of veluous, damest, or satene, ilk persoun vnder the payne of tuenty pundis vnforgevin, to be applyit to the commoun warkis, and that they have the samyn in radynes within tuelf dayes next heirefter, vnder the payne of wairding; and the copy heirof to be delyuerit to the dekynnis of craftis for ordouring of the craftis inlykemaner. Statute, blak govnis.

12 *September* 1579.

Followis the iniunctionis gevin be the provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis to Androw Lyndesay, new maid javelour induring thair willis, quhilks he sall obserue in all poyntis . . . quhilkis they ordane to be writtin on parchement, put on ane tabill, and hung in the Tolbuyth. Iniunctionis to Lyndesay, javelour.

Imprimis, The catiounaris abouewrittin ar seuerally acted and obleist, lyke as be thir presentis they bynd and obleis thame and thair foirsaidis, that the said javelour sall ansuer for all sic as he the tyme of his office sall resave in varde for debtt or cryme, for thair sure remaning thairin, and in cais ony happin to eschaip in his defalt or negligence, his saidis catiounaris to be ansuerabill for the debtt and cryme for the quhilk the eschewar was incarceratt, and they to releve the provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis of this burgh thairof and of all vther inconuenientis they

Iniunctionis to Lyndesay, javelour.

mycht incur thairby at the Kingis Maiesties handis or vtherwayes. Item, that the said javelour for his javelour fie resave and vplift of euery prisoner entrand within waird within the said tolbuyth for ilk tuenty four houris four penneis of friemen of this burgh alanerlie, and aucht penneis of ilk strainger and vnfrieman, and that of nane bot sic as may pay. Item, thatt quhatsumeuir yrnes, lokis, schaiklis, fetterris, rodis, keyes, or vther ingyndis and warklomes belonging to the office of javeloury beis delyuerit to him be inuentour, he and his catiounaris to be ansuerable to the gude tovne for redelyuerance thairof quhen they list, command, or requyre thairfoir.

Item, thatt all prisoneris entrand within waird be na farther astricted be the javelour, his wyfe, nor seruandis, to mak ony maner of expenssis nor pleissis thame willinglie to mak, alsweill ordinarlie as extraordinarly, and that na extortioun be vsit on thame quhairby they may have occatioun to complayne, and the baillies of this burgh present and to cum to take ordour anentis the ordinar as prices sal happin to be for the tyme.

Item, that the said javelour in speciall have ane buke for inserting of the prisoneris names during the tyme of his office inputt in waird, the day, yeir, and moneth of thair entrie thairin, for quhat cause, at quhais instance, and at quhais command, and of thair putting to libertie in lykemaner.

Item, that the said javelour and his seruandis keip the over, nether tolbuythis, lordis and tovnis counsalhoussis, and all the vther houssis quhairof he resavis the keyis, in sic cleinnes, without filth, as na occasioun be of complaynt, and that fra the rysing of the jugis thair be na playing be the youth sufferrit thairin.

Item, that at all tymes neidfull he and his seruandis be rady to fens courtis quhensoeuir the provest, baillies, and counsall, and vther ordinar juges sal have ordour.

14 *September* 1579.

Villa, precept, Wilsoun, gild.

The baillies and counsall foirsaidis ordanis the dene of gild to mak ane loft in the eist end of the kirk.

Villa, liveray, Grahame, massour.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynis foirsaidis concludis and ordanis ane

govne of fyne blak be maid to Archibald Grahame, thair maissour, agane the Kingis entrie, and the samyn to be begareit with twa baouris of weluous, and the breistis thairof lynit with satene, ane doublett of blak satene, ane pair of blak hois begareit with veluott, and ane tafatie hatt or veluous bonett. Villa, liveray, Grahame, massour.

Concludis and ordanis that euery ilk ane of the xiij officiaris have, agane the Kingis Maiesties entrie, ane lyvery, vizt.:—thre elnis of blak inglis stemyng to be thair hois, vj quarteris of rowane canves to be thair doubletis, ilk ane of thame ane threttyne s. four d. to furneis pasmentis together with ane blak hatt and ane quhyte string, and the poirter of the West poirt siclike, and siclike to pay for the making thairof. Villa, liverayes, officiaris.

Ordanis ane waill of blew veluett of sevintene elnis of purpour and lynit within with reid tafatie, and the baillies to tak ordour anentis the making thairof agane the Kingis entrie. Waill of purpour veluous.

Ordanis Andrew Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to cause wesche the ouer and nether tolbythis and the laiche counsalhous with calk. Precept, thesaurer.

Ordanis Robert Heuisoun, chirurgean, and Robert Kar, baillie, to speik the Frencheman, vsing William Stewart for his opinion in devyse of the triumphe agane the Kingis heir cuming. Villa, triumphe.

18 *September* 1579.

For obeying of the Kingis Maiesties wryting send to the provest and baillies for releif of James Alexander and Patrik Somervalis, fyndis that the haill be putt to libertie except onlie the schuter of the dag, quhome they fynd suld remane in waird but relief, for breking of the Kingis Maiesties proclamatioun, anent schuting of dagis, and for informing of the King of the treuth in this mater ordanis ane wryting to be send with diligence. Rex, villa, Somervalis.

Ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to seik in the tovnis arteilyre Villa, arteilyre, thesaurer

Villa, arteilyre, thesaurer.

lentt to Andrew Sklater, Robert Galbraith, and vtheris quhatsumeuir havaris thairof, and to repoirt his diligence on Wednisday next.

Protestatio, Somervales.

Robert Kar, baillie, askit instrumentis that, conforme to the Kingis requeist, the baillies and counsall offerit to put the father and sone of Somervales to libertie, quha refusit becaus the vther quha schott the dag was nocht in lykemaner to be put thairto.

Villa, lyveray.

Fyndis that as the rest of the ordinar officiaris of this burgh ar ordanit to have ane clething agane the Kingis Maiesties heir cuming, that according to the baillies devyse the tovnis sueschour have ane in lykemaner.

20 *September* 1579.

The Kingis charge anentis the putting of Somervalis to libertie, etc.

Rex.—Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. Forsamekill as we wryte to yow of befoir anentis the releif of James Somervale of Hombir, Patrik Somervale his brother, and the remanent his freindis quha ar presentlie in waird within our tolbyth of Edinburgh, as aprehendit be yow vpon a truble done within our said burgh, betuix thame and certan of the surname of Borthuikis, quhairintill we vnderstand that thair is nather slauchter nor mutulatioun committed, and yett nochtwithstanding our command direct to yow as said is desyrand the saidis persones to be fred of the said waird vpon sourties found be thame according to the ordour within burgh, ye have nocht obeyit the samyn bot yet retenis thame within the said waird, albeit the vther pairtie is putt to friedom be yow, quhairby it apperis that ye vse nocht equalitie to the saidis personis, quhairfoir it is our will and we command yow thatt incontinent efter the sicht heirof, ye put the saidis James Somervale, Patrik Somervale his brother, and the remanent his freindis to libertie and fredom, nochtwithstanding quhatsumeuir schuting of pistoletis or vther cause proceding or done be thame at the said trubill without slauchter be committed, ye takand cautioun of thame according to the accustomat ordour within burgh, as ye will ansuer to ws vpon your obedience at your vthermest chairge and parrell. Subscryuit with our hand at our castell

of Striveling, the xix day of September 1579. James R. Ruthuen. Dunfermling. Conforme to the quhilk wryting, and for obedience thairof, the saidis baillies and counsall lute the saidis Somervales to libertie, and resauit Alexander Thomson, tavernar, sourty for thair re-entry thairin vpoun fyvetene dayes vairning or souertes he suld be chairgit be thame vnder the payne of twa thousandis merkis to be applyit to the commoun warkis.

The Kingis charge anentis the putting of Somervalis to libertie, etc.

23 *September* 1579.

Provest, baillies, and counsall, of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow hertlie weill. We have vnderstand the effect of your letter send ws of the xviij of this moneth, and in respect of the schutting of the pistolet and apperand mutulatioun quhairof ye wraitt, it is our mynde, be aduyse of our counsall, that ye retene all thingis in stait as they are, quhill our being at Halyrudehous, at quhilk tyme we sall tak further ordour in this mater as aggreis with equitie and justice. We will nocht nor hes na cause to be offendit with your doingis quhen they tend to the furthering of justice, gude ordour, and the executioun of your office, bott will manteine yow thairin as in honour and dewtie becumis ws. Thus we commit you to God. At our castell of Striveling, the xxij day of September and of our regime the threttene yeir, 1579. James R. Hay. Quhilk wryting being red, they ordainis the samyn to be registrat in maner abouewritin.

Kingis wryting, Somervalis.

The provest, baillies, and counsall, according to the ordour, electis, nominatis, and chusis, conforme to the ordour of burrowis in the electioun of officiaris within burgh, John Johnstoun, merchant, James Forman and John Mayne, new counsallouris for the yeir to cum, quhilk war suourn and admitted for the merchantis pairtt.

New counsall.

In presens forsaid, Robert Henrisoun, dekyn of the barbouris, being requyrit be thame to geve in his thrid tikkett of the names of sic of the craftismen of quhome they will twa to be elected vpoun the counsall for the yeir to cum, ansuerit he aucht to geve tua ma than twa tikketis contening sax ilk ane of thame in nomber, and refused; quhairupoun Androw

Electioun of craftismen on the new counsall, protestationis, thesaurar, Henrisoun, barbour.

Electioun of craftismen on the new counsall, protestationis, thesaurar, Henrisoun, barbour.

Stevinsoun, thesaurer, askit instrumentis and protestit in name of the gude tovne that the saidis twa tikketis, contening as said is, be the said Robert in name of the haill dekynnis producit befoir thame, suld nocht preiuge thame in thair liberties insafar as the saidis dekynis be syndry actis ar astricted yeirlie at the electioun of the twa craftismen to be vpoun the counsall for the yeir to cum to geve in sa mony tikketis as they thocht gude, thrie, four, fyve, or ma at thair plesour, vnto the tyme they thocht gude to elect twa furth thairof; and the said Robert Henrisoun, in name of the dekynnis, protestis in thair names that twa be elected out of ony ane of the saidis twa tikketis gevin in be thame to the counsall and nocht out of the twa in generall; quha efter avysement chusit out of euery ane of the saidis tua tikketis, ane, viz.:—John Wilky, skynner, and Eduard Heriot, dekyn of the goldsmythis, to be of the new counsall for the craftismen the yeir to cum.

30 *September* 1579.

Villa Leith, protestatio, Thomistoun.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis ordanis William Adamsoun and Rychart Abircrumby, baillies, and John Johnstoun of the counsall, together with John Guthre, clark, to pas doun to Leith with all diligence possibill, and in the tovnis name, as superiouris thairof, to desyr the inspectioun of thair chairge gevin to thame be the Kingis Maiestie to meit his Hienes in armour, to quhome they geve powar in thair names protestatioun to mak, etc.; quha, conforme to thair commissioun, past doun and inquyrit of Walter Cant and John Thomsoun, baillies of the said tovne of Leith, in presens of maister John Prestoun, George Johnstoun, James Nicoll, James Prestoun of the said tovne of Edinburgh, Androw Logane, [*blank*] Smalum, John Lufe, Androw Lamb, John Williamsoun in Leith, the command to be schawin to thame, quha ansuerit they had nane in writt bot be tong, and John Johnstoun in name foirsaid, as superiouris, dischairgitt thame to pas furth in armour becaus the samyn was contrair the ordour of the proclamatioun and na warrand was schawin, and protested that, insafar as they schew na commissioun be writt, the gude tovne, as superiouris, suld be frie of the paynis conteint in the said proclamatioun maid on Mononday last, and that they were culpablie in disobedience insafer as afoir thair outpassing and putting thame selues

in armour they aduerteis nocht the tovne thairof, and that thairby the tovne war harmeles and skaythles of the paynis contenit in the said proclamatioun, and that insafar as they past fordwart but thair command they war nocht to ansuer thairfor. Ville Leith, proclamation. Thomas Moun.

2 *October* 1579.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] ordanis the provest, four baillies, maister John Prestoun and John Johnstoun of the counsall, Robert Henrison, and Robert Abirerumby, for the deyknis, to pas doun to the Abay to the Kingis Maiestie and to geve ane ansuer to the propositiounis of my Lord Rothas and the provest of Dondie anentis the election of the magistratis the yeir to cum. Commissioners to pass to the Kingis Maiestie in the Abay.

Ordanis Robert Kar and Gilbert Dik, baillies, together with Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, and Robert Henrisoun, chirurgean, to tak ordour with the wrychtis for vpsetting of daillis and vther tymmer on the Nether Bow and vther places neidfull, for the decoring of the tovne agane the triumphe to be maid to the Kingis entres. Precept the saumer, triumphe.

6 *October* 1579.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] being convenit in the counsalhous for electing of the magistratis of this burgh for the yeir to cum, elected and chused the samyn in maner efter following, and anentis the electioun of the provest ordanit this act to be insert in thair buke:— Electioun, magistratis.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynis of craftis befoir mentionat, for obeying of the Kingis Maiesties command gevin to thame this day be four efter none, with his awin mouth in presens of his Hienes secreit counsall, chairging thame to resave Alexander Clark provest for the yeir to cum, conforme to his Hienes letters quhairwith they war chairgit of befoir, all in ane voce elected and chused the said Alexander as provest quhill Michaelmes nixtt, but preiudice of thair liberties. Clark, provest.

7 *October* 1579.

Act for sic as ar appointed to beir the paill.

Ordanis euery ane of the thretty twa honest nychtbouris of this burgh and burgessis thairof efter mentionat appoynted for bering of the Kingis Maiesties paill to be chairgit be the officiaris to mak and prepair ane govne of fyne blak, barrit with weluouis, lynit in the breistis with weluouis or govnis of fyne chamlott of silk or growgrane of silk or cierge barrit with veluous, veluet coitis, or doubletis of satene, veluett or dames, tafetie hatis, and in sic vther decent apparrell as efferis, and that the samyn be rady within aucht dayes, and the baillies to tak visitatioun thairof, ilk person vnder the payne of fourty li. vnforgevin, and the baillies to tak diligent laubouris to se the samyn be nocht ommitted and to vplift the said vnlaw of the faillaris heirin but fauouris.

Precept, thesaurer, calk.

Ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to by samekill calk as will spargten all the tolbuythis.

Statuta, middingis, red, tymmer, tar barrellis.

It is statute be the baillies and counsall foirsaid that all maner of personis hawand ony cruves for swyne at thair stairis and sydewallis fornent the Hie Streitt or common vinellis, and siclike that hes myddingis and fulzie collected or hes tar barrellis on the Hie Streitt, as alsua ony red, stanys, or tymmer on the said Hie Streitt or common vinellis, remove the samyn thairof incontinent betuix and Setterday nixt at evin, ilk persoun vnder the payne of fyve pundis but fauouris, certefeand thame and thay failye the said vnlaw salbe vplifted and thair personis putt in waird thair to remane on thair awin expenssis ay and quhill the said vnlaw be payit and forther induring the saidis juges willis for their contemptioun.

8 *October* 1579.

Preceptt, thesaurer, sueschouris.

They ordane the baillies to provyde foure or fyve sueschouris to the mustour day quhilk is on Setterday nixt, and thair wages to be payit be the thesaurer at the discretioun of the baillies.

Counsalouris, mustouris.

Ordanis the haill counsallouris to have on the mustour dayes ane

quhyte staf and to gang seueralie be thame selues in thair armour as best plesis thame for decoratioun of the gude tovne. Coun-aduris, mustouris.

Ordanis the baillies to aduertcis James Adamsoun, yonger, Alexander Scott, William Harwy and James Lowdan, to apparrell thame selues in thair best apparrell to beir thair handsenyeis on the muster day quhilk is Setterday nixt. Port. handsenyeis.

The baillies and counsall ordanis the four auld baillies, together with John Mayne, William Fairlie, and John Wilky of the counsall, to tak ordour with the gilting of the copburde with expedition, and to prepair gold to that effect. Gilting of the copburde.

9 *October* 1579.

It being inquyrit be Henry Nesbett, baillie, in name of the baillies and counsall foirsaid, of Walter Cant, baillie of Leith, quhat men within the said tovne war menacit be ony of the nychtbouris of this burgh and quhat war thair names, quhairby, as the said Walter allegit, they ferit to geve their generall mustouris the morn, ansuerit he culd nocht schaw thair names in speciall, in sa far as the samyn was spokkin opinlie vpoun the schoir be a greit multitude at the making of the tovnis proclamatioun the day procedand, and thairfoir the said Henry Nesbett, in name foirsaid protested insafar as he refused to schaw the menis names in speciall quha war menacit, as alsua the menacouris of thame, and insafar as gif they knew thair names they war willing to se all wrangis redrest, that this thair offer war sufficient to seclude all cause of complaynt heirefter quhilk ony of the induellaris of Leith vpoun the allegit boisting of thame mycht inuent. Villa, induellaris in Leith, protestatioun, Neisbett.

12 *October* 1579.

[The provost, bailies, and council] nominatis the said provest, John Adamsoun, baillie, and sic vther of the counsall and dekynis as it sall pleis thame warne to pas doun the morn to Leith for keping of the heid courtt thair. Heid courtt, Leith.

14 *October* 1579.

[The bailies and council] fyndis thair counsalhous suld be prepairit Conuention, burrowis, counsalhous.

Convention, burrowis, counsalheus.

to the conventioun of burrowis, and nane vtheris during the tyme of parliament to have acces thairto; and the baillies to tak ordour heirwith.

Proclamatioun, tapestrie.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid be sound of tabourin throw this burgh, commanding all the inhabitantis thairof to hing thair stairis with tapestrie, and ares warkis on Fryday nixt, and that nouther be nycht nor day ony fyre ballis, fyre arowis or vther ingynes of fyre be castin be ony maner of personis heirefter, and for removing of red, tymmer, swyne, and beggeris of the tovne, vnder the payne of pvnesment of thair personis at the will and discretion of the jugis.

29 *October* 1579.

Precept, Adamsoun, baillie, yeir past, violeris, sangsteris.

Ordanis William Adamsoun, baillie, the yeir past to delyuer to the violeris and sangsteris at the Kingis entrie aboue the Over Bow, the sovme of thre pundis for thair dayes wages, quhairof thretty s. to the violeris and thretty s. to the sangsteris.

Precept, Abircrumby, halbertmen.

Ordanis Richart Abircrumby, bailie of the yeir past, to delyuer to William Littill, baillie this yeir, the sovme of sax pundis, sax schillingis, aucht penneis, debursit be him to nyntene men quha war keparis of the gaitt the day of the Kingis entrie to this burgh with halbertis.

30 *October* 1579.

Proclamatioun, Alhallovmes fair.

[The bailies and council] ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chairging all merchantis, craftismen, and vtheris inhabitantis within this burgh, to be in radynes the morn be xi houris to accompany the provest, baillies, and counsall to vesy thair meithis and boundis, as ordour hes bene, on horsbak, and to proclame thair Alhallovmes fair to begyn the morn be xij houris.

Ville, Lowsoun, Craig, barbeeris, Nicolsoun.

Efter avysement with the supplicatioun gevin in befoir thame be John Lowsoun and James Craig, chirurgeanis, desyring thame to furneis thame sylver for bying of sawis to ane John Nicolsounis pynouris curing of

his leg brokin at the bone, quha ansuerit and obleis thame that they doing thair endevoir in curing thairof, quhither the said Nicolsoun deitt or levit, they suld be satefeit to thair contentment.

Villa, Lowsoun, Craig, barbouris, Nicolsoun.

10 *November* 1579.

[Ordaned "that in all tymes cuming yeirlie, at the rowping of the commoun gude, the dewtie of the wyne cuming in at the portis of this burgh be rowpit in this manner, to wit;—that thair be vplifted in all tymes cuming of euery tun of wyne cuming in thairat the price of ane pynte of wyne be the fermoraris thairof, and that quarterlie as vse is payment be maid of the samyn to the collectour of the annuelis" * * *]

The dewtie of the wyne to be vplifted be the collectour of the annuellis.

13 *November* 1579.

Walter Hagy, fleschour, acted himself that he suld neuer be found, nouther be himself or ony vtheris in his name, puttand ony scheip in the kirk yaird in ony tyme heirefter, vnder the payne of ten li. to be applyit to the common warkis.

Villa, Hagy, fleschour.

18 *November* 1579.

The baillies and counsall foirsaid, together with the dekynis of the barbouris, hammermen, fleschouris, tailyeris, cordineris, skynneris, masonis, wobsteris, walkeris, goldsmythis, bonetmakeris, baxteris, fyndis that the ordinar dayes of preching on the oulk dayes suld be alteritt in the maner following, to wit, from the Wednisday to Tuysday, and from Fryday to Thurisday, and the counsall to be on the ordinar dayes, to witt, Wednisday and Fryday, and that the counsall be convenit be ix houris the saidis dayes and to sitt quhill tuelf for resonyng vpon the commoun effaires, and to this effect ordanis the baillies and sic of the counsall as ar on the sessioun to aduerteis the ministeris and sessioun heirof.

Alteratioun of the preching days to Tuysday and Thurisday.

Efter avysement with the complaynt producit befoir thame be the dekyn and brother of the cordinar craft of this burgh aganis the cordinaris of Leith, bering thame to have chosin amangis thame in thair pretendit maner ane dekyn callit William Ahannay, and ane vther callit Eduard Kirkpatrik for thair officiar, for admitting of prenteissis and resaving of oulklie [*blank*] als frelie as gif the said tovne of Leith war ane frie burgh

Villa, pretenditt dekynis of the cordinaris in Leith.

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in contrair ane decreit past of befoir aganis thame, and thairfoir desyrit remeid suld be put thairto as in the said suplicatioun is at lenth contenit. Findis the said William Ahannay, pretendit dekyn, and Eduard Kirkpatrik, pretendit officiar, for thair contempt, suld remane in waird for disobeying of the said decreit, induring the provest, baillies, and counsallis willis, and as for the vtheris occupearis of the said craft in Leith that they compeir on Setterday nixt in the tolbuyth of Leith for fynding of cautioun to ansuer forther to the said complaynt and fra ony forther vsing or exercing of the said craft in the said vnfrie tovne of Leith.

Villa, comissioneris in the sang scole.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbett, baillie, John Johnstoun, collectour, and Eduard Hertt of the counsall to tak ordour with Androw Bughan, anentis his yeirlie stepend for vptaking of the psalmes in the kirk and eruditioun of the youth heid in the art of musik, and as they appoynt, promesis to cause thair thesaurer, present and to cum, to ansuer and pay, and to repoirt the nixt day.

20 *November* 1579.

Dispositioun of the chaplanrie callit Matre Jesu to Balquanquhall, minister.

[The bailies and council] disponis the chaiplanry of the altar callit Matre Jesu, vacand in thair handis, in defalt of the paitron nocht presentand in dew tyme efter the deceis of Sir Androw Bauchan, with all the dewties belonging thairto, to maister Walter Bakanquhall, minister, during his lyftyme, for termes bygane and to cum, etc.

Inserting of the actis in the counsall buke.

The baillies and counsall ordanis that in tymes cummyng quhatever actis concerning the commoun effaires or vtherwayes beis minute in the counsalhous be thair clark at thair conventionis thairin, be immediatlie efter thair desoluing putt in forme and insert in the counsall buke, and that at thair ordinar dayes of conventionis the actis ordanit to be insert be red at the nixt day befoir ony proceding in ony vther cause and that be the moderatour than present and sic vther as he pleissis, to the effect that the actis maid and to be maid concerning thair commoun effaires be nocht oursene or vninsert in thair buke, as alsua that quhatsumeuer thing beis concludit at thair saidis conventionis, the clark, afoir the desoluing of the counsall, reid ouer to thame that salbe present the haill minutis of sic

thingis as suld be pennit agane thair nixt day, to the end sic of the counsall as cumis in efter the hour and the vtheris conuenit in dew tyme may altogether approve the samyn and pretend na ignorance.

Inserting of the actis in the counsall buke.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbett and William Littill, baillies, John Johnston, maister John Preston, Alexander Vduart and Eduard Hertt of the counsall to pas to maister Robert Pontt and confer with him, quhen they think maist expedient, anentis the erection of ane college, and to repoirt.

Commissioneris to speik with Robert Pontt.

24 *November* 1579.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis, having respect and consideratioun of the greit inconuenientis that may cum to the weilfair of this burgh be consenting or disponyng of ony offices vacant within the samyn to ony persoun or personis quhatsumeuir induring thair lyftymes, for ony cause or causis, and foirseing the inconvenientis that may cum thairby, efter rype avysement and sindry consultationis tane thairupoun att syndrie counsall dayes, statutis and ordanis and be this thair present ordinance concludis, all in ane voce, being altogether convenit in thair counsalhous, that na office within this burgh, sic as provest, bailies, counsall, dene of gild, the commoun clarkschip or ony vther salbe gevin in lyfrent at ony tyme heirefter, bot onlie induring the provest, baillies, counsall and dekynis willis, and quhat ever he be that sutis ony office vtherwayes to be disponit or ony vtheris in his name, the said person neuir to bruik office within this burgh, and quhatsumeuer he be that consentis to the breking of this act the said persoun to tyne his libertie and friedome of this burgh and neuer to be restored thairto nor to bruke ony office or honour within the samyn, and to be repute and haldin as ane vnworthy member in this commoun weill, and incais, as God forbid, that the Kingis Maiestie or vtheris having governement, command to resave ony persoun contrair this act, quhilk salbe to the greit preiudice of this tovne gif sua beis, as they traist with Godis grace sall neuer come to pas, in that cace quhatsumeuer persoun is provest, baillie, counsallour, dekyn, or that bruikis ony vther common office within this burgh that salbe molisted or trublit in body or gudes be hear powaris for mantening or

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disassenting to the breking of the liberties, privileges, actis, ordinances or friedomes, the said persoun or persounis to be rembursit, satefeit, and payit of all his coistis, skaythis, or dommages, that he sall sustene as said is, and the saidis provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis obleissis thame and thair successouris to obserue and keip euery poyntt heirof, and that this present stand for ane perpetuall law but ony reuocation for ever; and this ordinance formit be Henry Nesbett, baillie.

26 *November* 1579.

Villa, commissioneris to vesy the senys.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbett and Robert Kar, baillies, John Johnstoun [and five others] to pas to the place of the Senys on Fryday nixt in the morning, taking with thame the tovnis gift thairof for veseing of the boundis apertening to the gude tovne be thair said gift, and to repoirt on Wednisday nixt, and siclike to speik [*blank*] Kincaid portionar thairof.

27 *November* 1579.

Villa, Buiquhan in sang scole.

The baillies, counsall, and dekynis foirsaidis, all in ane voce aggreis and ar content that Androw Buquhan be placit as maister of the sang scole induring thair willis, as alsua for vptaking of the psalmes in the kirk of this burgh, vpoun the conditionis efter following, viz.:—that he sal have yeirlie induring his office tuenty merkis together with tuenty merkis yeirlie for payment of the sang scole maill, as alsua that he salbe astricted to tak na mair for the instruction and lerning of the tovnis bairnis in the art of musik nor quarterlie half ane merk, and the doctour twa schillingis quarterlie; quhilk ordinance he in thair presences promeist to obserue and abyde att.

4 *December* 1579.

Ellot to be ressaved in waird.

John Stewart, seruand to my Lord Sanct Colme, producit the Kingis Maiesties wryting vnder his Hienes subscription, off the quhilk the tenour followis:—Rex. Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greit you weill. It is our will and we command yow incontinent efter the sicht heirof, ye ressave Jhonn Ellott, sone to eldar Will, and cause keip him in waird and suir fermance within your tolbuyth vpon his awin expenssis, sua

that he eschaip nocht, ay and quhill he be fred be ws, as ye will ansuer thairupoun, kepand this present for your warrand. Subscryuit with our hand at Halyruidhous, the xix day of Nouember, the yeir of God 1579 yeris. James R. Montrois. Buchan. Conforme to the tenour of the quhilk wryting, William Littill, baillie, pat the said John Ellott in waird within the tolbyth, to be kepit in maner aboue writtin.

Ellot to be resaved in waird.

In precens foirsaid, Nicoll Vduart, merchant, frielie gevis our and renuncis his burgeschip and gildrie, together with all vther fredome he had thairby in this burgh, insafar as he allegit he was sa extraordinarly extented in all extentis bygane, and in speciall in this last extent maid to the Kingis entry, being extentit thairin to ane hundreth merkis, quhilk he was content to pay as he culd nocht sustene the samyn, and protested that heirefter he suld nocht be subiect to the portabill chairges within this burgh inrespect of this his ourgeving of his burgeschip and gildrie and renunciatioun thairof, and heirvpoun askit instrumentis; quhilk protestatioun and renunciatioun the jugis foirsaidis refused to admit and altogether halelie disassented thairto.

Vddartis renuncing of his friedome, and the juges protestatioun in the contrair.

5 *December* 1579.

Fyndis that in tyme to cum euery wryting seillit with seill of cause pay to the provest, present and to cum, threttene s. four pennies, and nane be seillit bot in presens of the counsall.

Price, seill of cause.

[Wine to be sold for £78 the tun, "compting 16s. ilk frank, £12 of fraucht for cariage, lekkage, and sellar maill £8, 8s.;" and the pint of wine to be sold for 3s. and no dearer.]

Pryces, wyne.

9 *December* 1579.

Alexander Guthre, commoun clark, in presens forsaid, delyuerit to Alexander Clark the commoun seill of Leith, quhilk sen thair first bying of the superioritie thairof the tym of his admissioun of principall clark to the samyn, he had in his custodie quhill now, and ordanit euery chartour

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to be subscryuit be thair said principall clark, and seillit thairwith, to pay xiij s. iiij d. of dewtie to the said provest, and that nane of the saidis chairtouris or vther wrytingis quhairto the said seill is requesete be seillit without ane speciall warrand of the counsall.

10 *December* 1579.

Villa, counsall buikis, Guthre, clark.

Efter lang resonyng anentis the placing of maister Alexander Guthre, eldest sone to Alexander Guthre, commoun clark of this burgh, in his fatheris office induring thair willis, appoynted Robert Kar, and Henry Nesbett, baillies, John Jhounstoun [and four others] to convene in the over clarkis chalmer of this burgh on Fryday nixt in the morning be sax houris, and siclike daylie at the said hour, and efter inspectioun of the haill counsall buikis, as alsua the said Alexanderis gift of the clarkschip, and avysement thairwith, to repoirt their jugement concerning the assurance to be maid be the gude tovne with the said maister Alexander and thairefter to repoirt.

Act for making registeris.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis efter following, viz: the dekynis of the barbouris, hammermen, flescheouris, skynneris, goldsmythis, tailyeouris, masonis, wrychtis, baxteris, wobsteris, bonetmakeris, cordineris, efter lang resonyng in the commoun effairis and in speciall anentis certan buikis to be maid contening the haill statutis and ordinances and liberties of this burgh, quhairby the magistratis, present and to cum, may be sufficientlie acknawlegit in sic thingis as concernis the common weill thairof, all in ane voce ordanit the act efter following, formit be Henry Nesbett, baillie, to be insert and registrat in this thair counsall buke, and the contentis thairof to stand as ane law in all tymes heirefter, off the quhilk act the tenour followis: Item, becaus it is vnpossibill to the provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis to govern this common weill as becumis, vnles they have the knawlege of the liberties, privilegis, lawis, and ordinances thairof, quhilkis commonlie ar vnknawin to ony persoun except vnto the clark onlie, quhilk is the cause thatt the discreit men of this tovne ar nocht abill to govern this common weill as it aucht to be; it is thairfoir statute and ordanit be the provest, baillies, counsall, and

dekynnis that the haill counsall bukis pertening to the gude tovne be patent and rady att all tymes in the hous aboue the clarkis chalmer, in sure lokfast kistis and coifferis, to the effect they may be patent and rady quhen the counsall sal have to do thairwith, and nocht to be transported out of the said hous aboue the clarkis chalmer, and that four discreit men of the tovne be chosin to mak registeris of the maist necessar lawis and ordinances contenit within the saidis buikis that salbe yeirlie gevin in the handis of the provest, baillies, and euery counsallour; and that at the ressait of the buikis, the provest, baillies, and counsallouris be suorn to keip the samyn clois to thame selues and to geve na copy thairof, bot at the end of thair seruice to delyuer the samyn agane in presens of the counsall to be delyuerit to thame that sall enter in thair place, to the effect they be nocht ignorant of thair offices; and als that ane register be maid of the haill evidentis and liberties of this burgh to be patent quhen the counsall hes to do thairwith, and the principal evidentis and chairtouris to be viseit and sene that they be in the chairterhous and placit as becumis, etc.; and for making of the saidis registeris hes nominat the personis contenit in the act preceding altogether, or ony four of thame, to convene in the said over clarkis chalmer at sic ordinar tymes as they sal think expedient daylie vnto the tyme they have fullelie maid perfyte registeris conforme to the tenour of this thair ordinance.

Act for making registeris.

11 *December* 1579.

[The provost, bailies, and council,] being convenit in the counsalhous for resonyng vpoun the commoun effaires, vnderstanding maister James Lowsoun, thair principall minister, be the Kingis Maiesties speciall wryting, to be desyrit on Mononday nixt to pas to Sanctandaris for his dutyse to be had to the erectioun of ane College of Theologie thair, and that he is to remane thairatt be the space of aucht or ten dayes, during the quhilk space, seing the same is for na particular to him self bot to ane gude purpois quhilk they wis suld tak gude succes, it behufis him to have his expenssis maid, thairfoir they ordane thair thesaurer, Androw Stevinsoun, to delyuer to the said maister James the sovme of tuenty pundis

Lowsoun, minister, precept, thesaurer.

23d Dec. 1579. This precept ordanit to be deleit insafar as he the journay staying, the syluer was gevin agane to the thesaurer. Guthre.

Lowsoun, minister, precept, thesaurer.

to the effect abouewrittin, as alsua to pay to him quhatsumeuer vther expenssis he deburssis mair nor the samyn in his journay at his return.

Act anentis wilfuil debtouris refusing to ansueir as law will.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis, fynding thame selues daylie trublit be the inoportune sute of dyueris thair nychtbouris and vtheris our Souerane Lordis lieges resorting to this burgh, in craving thatt, according justice and gude conscience, sic thair wilfill and obstinatt debtouris as, in defraude of thame and payment of thair just debtis, wilfully retenis thame selues within houssis sua that na iustice can be haid of thame als long as they remane within the samyn, war compellit to fynd sufficient cautioun to ansuer at thair instances as law wald, and that to thatt effect oppin duris war maid for thair apprenhensioun and inputting of thair personis in waird thair to remane vpoun thair awin expenssis ay quhill the samyn war found, as this day apperit be the ernist sute maid to thame be James Roger, lawfull sone to vmquhill James Roger, thair comburges, quhairby he humblie desyrit that Archibald Roger, his brother, quha wilfully and in hie contemptt of justice, and defraude of his iust acclamit debtt as he allegit be the space of ane quarter of ane yeir had kepit himself clois within his duelling hous sua that he culd in nawayes gett catioun found to ansuer at his instance as law wald, without oppin duris war maid and he compellit thairto as said is,—thairfoir and to the effect the said complener mycht be furtherit to justice, they ordane officiaris to mak oppin the duris of the said Archibaldis duelling hous, ceirs and seik him quhairever he mycht be apprehendit, and thairefter cause him fynd sufficient cautioun within burgh to ansuer at the said James instance as law wald, vytherwayes to tak and putt him in waird thair to remane on his awin expenssis ay and quhill he haif found the samyn; as alsua statutis and ordanis thatt in all tymes heirefter the officiaris of this burgh, having speciall command of ane baillie, quhenever the lyke occasion sall occur, vse the lyke ordour to all our Souerane Lordis lieges, but exceptioun of personis, provyding alwayes that ane baillie and ane clark be present at the making thairof, etc.

16 *December* 1579.

Ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to pay to Alexander Vduart, ten pundis for the Mertymes term maill last bypaist of the Frenche Scole, as alsua fifty markis for the said termes annuell of the ministeris luging, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptes, producand this present for his warrand. Precept, thesaurer, Vddartt.

Statutis and ordanis that na schippis be frauchtit fra this day furth bott in presens of thame and on the counsall dayes, and sic as ar frauchtit be chairter pairty, that the samyn be maid be thair clark, as alsua thatt the dene of gild, present and to cum, and siclike the clarkis enter nane bot in maner aboue writtin, certefeing thame that the gudes transported in the schippis vtherwayes frauchted salbe escheitt, and forther that the skipperis of all schippis to be frauchted outward ressave na maner of personis within thair schippis bot sik as sal schaw to thame the baillies tikket, vnder the payne of tuenty pundis according to the actis of parliament, and that all schippis be frauchtit vpoun the maner and conditionis efter following, and in cais the dene of gild or clark contravene this present ordinance in ony tyme heirefter, thatt the said vnlaw of xx li. salbe vplifted of thame and euery ane of thame sa oft as they failyie. Frauchting of schippis.

Followis the iniunctionis to be inviolably obseruit be sic as becumis catioun at the entry of the schippis passing out and in at thair poirt and hawin of Leith.

Item, that at the entrie of euery schip enterit outwart, the skipper and his awneris fynd ane substantious landit man, burges of this burgh, cautioun that quhatsumeuer gudes salhappin to arryve at thair poirt and hevin foirsaid in thair schippis frome vtheris cuntries salbe loissit vpoun the south schoir within the friedome of Edinburgh as the onlie place appoynted for loissing and laiding, hous and sellar the samyn thair, to the effect the samyn may be transported and careit thairfra to this burgh quhen command salbe gevin to thame be the provest and baillies thairof to that effect. Iniunctionis to be obseruitt be the cautionaris of schippis att the frauchting thairof.

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Item, in lykemaner that the cautioun to be resauit, alsweill at the outpassing as incuming, be bound and obleist for the skipperis, awneris, merchantis, and marineris that they, in case of ony difference quhilk may happin to fall out betuix ayther of thame and the merchantis induring thair veyages, sall submitt thame to the jurisdictioun and jugement of the provest and baillies and counsall of this burgh as onlie juges competent, butt appellatioun.

Item, that the skipperis and awneris of euery schip fynd sufficient cautioun and securitie thatt the merchandis gudes to be laid to thair schippis be weill and discreitlie handlit and nocht strykin vp without speciall consent of the merchand, awnar, or factour, thairto, as alsua that they tak na mair at the poirt for suring of the saidis gudis and merchandises to be inputt in thair schippis nor is contenit in the tovnis buikis or in their chairter pairtie at the frauchting, and the saidis chairter pairties to be maid be thair commoun clark of this burgh and his deputes for thair mair sure informatioun to be haid thairof, conforme to the tenour of the act preceding, and siclike that na passingeris nor vtheris be resauit in thair schippis without ane tikkett of the baillies, vnder the payne of xx li. to be vplifted and tane of the said cautiounar but fauouris, but preiudice alwayes of the paynis contenit in the actis of parliament.

Item, that the saidis cautiounaris salbe ansuerabill to the customaris and mak payment to thame of the customes of all gudes passing out or in at thair said poirt and hawin conforme to the custome rollis, as alsua for obseruing and keping of all the actis and statutis maid be our Souerane Lordis Maiesties nobill progenitouris, and the provest and baillies of this burgh for the tyme, for the weilfair of burrowis.

Act that na merchantis by ony hydis or skynnis bot in oppin merkatt.

Vnderstanding the greitt misordour that heirtofoir hes bene vsit be the maist pairtt of the merchantis of this burgh in geving of arlis to the fleschour of the samyn, or avancing of money to thame for grene scheip skynnis and hydes, befoir the samyn war presented to the merkatt, quhairby the statutis maid in the contrair war violated and brokyn,

statutis and ordanis that in all tymes cuming nane of the saidis merchantis or vtheris resorting to the merkatis for bying of ony skynnis or hydes fra the fleschouris, geve arlis or avance money to thame or pas to the saidis fleschouris houssis to by ony thairof, bott that the samyn be bocht in oppin and plane merkatt and na vtherwayes, vnder the payne and vnlaw of fyve pundis to be vplifted of thame but fauouris to the gude tovnis, sa oft as they be apprehendit doing in the contrair. Act that na merchantis by ony hydis or skynnis bot in oppin merkatt.

[Wine to be sold for 3s. the pint, and no dearer; and old wine to be sold conform to the prices maid of old for 2s. 8d. the pint.] Proclamatioun, wynis.

18 *December* 1579.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaid ordanit the Kingis Maiesties wryting efter following to be registrat in this thair counsall buke, quhairof the tenour followis:—Rex. Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. It is our will and we command yow that ye, accumpaneit with somony of the inhabitantis of our said burgh as ye think gude, repair to Leith the morn, the xvij day of December instant, be xii houris at none, and thair resave fra our Seref of Fyff or his seruandis in his name, Jhonn, Maister of Forbes, and samony of his freindis and seruandis and of the freindis and seruandis of umquhill George Gordoun of Geiche as salbe delyuerit vnto yow, and bring and cause transport thame to Edinburgh and thairin cawse thame surelie kepit that they eschaip nocht ay and quhill ye knaw forther of our mynde towartis thame, as ye will ansuer to ws thairupon, kepand thir presentis for your warrand. Subscryuit with our hand at Halyrudehous, the xvj day of December, the yeir of God 1579 yeris. James R. Argyle. Boyd. Kingis wryting, Maister Forbes.

Rex. Prouest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greit yow weill. Forsamekill as ye ar commandit be our lettres to ressaue our cousigne Johne, Maister of Forbes, and his seruandis for convoying of thame saiflie to our burgh foirsaid, thairin to remane quhill forder ordour be tane, nochttheles we vnderstanding that our said cousigne is heavalie Villa, Kingis wryting, Maister Forbes.

Villa. Kingis wryting, Maister Forbes.

diseasit be the dollour of ane wound that he hes in his bodie and may nocht without dainger of his life remane in our publict wairding place within our said burgh, thairfoir our will is that immediatlie efter ye haif convoyit to oure foirsaid that ye will saiflie enter him and his seruandis in his awin ludgeing, takand of him and thame sufficient cautioun vnder greit sowmis that thai sall nocht eschape nor fle furth of the samyn quhill ferder ordour be tane in the mater, and this present salbe to yow sufficient warrand. Subscriuit with oure hand at Halirudehous, the sevintene day of December 1579. James, Rex. Mortoun. Argile.

23 *December* 1579.

Act for wairning the skynneris.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis ordanis actes to be direct to the officiaris for charging of the dekyn and brether of the skynner craft to compeir befoir thame on Friday nixt in the counsalhous be ten houris, for ansuering to sic thingis as they have to lay to thair charge.

College, theologe.

Apoyntis the provest, Henry Nesbett, baillie, and John Johnston, collectour, to pas and speik maister Robert Kupour and maister James Lowsoun, minister, for thair counsall to be had anentis the erection of ane college of theologe, and to repoirt.

Kingis wryting, warding Ellott.

Rex. Provest and baillies of Edinburgh and your javelour, we charge yow incontinent efter the sicht heirof to ressave in your waird Robert Ellott of Reidheuche, and keip him thairin vpon his awin expenssis surelie ay and quhill he be fred and relevit be ws as ye will ansuer to ws thairupon, kepand thir presentis for your ansuer. Subscryuit with our hand at our palace of Halyrudhous, the xxiij day of December, and of our regime the threttene yeir, 1579. James, R. Argyle. Dumfermeling. Conforme to the quhilk wryting the said Robert wes putt in waird within the tolbuyth of this burgh and delyuerit to Androw Lyndesay, javelour, quha was chairgit to keip him surelie thairin, according to the contentis thairof.

Kingis charge, releis Ellot.

Rex. Provest and baillies of Edinburgh, and your javolour, we greit yow weill. We charge yow incontinent efter the sicht heirof to

lett to libertie and friedome furth of your waird, Robert Ellot of Reid-heuch, as ye will ansuer to ws thairvpon, kepand thir presentis for your warrand. Subscryuit with our hand at our palace of Halyrudhous, the xxiij day of December, and of our regnne the xiij yeir, 1579. James R. Argyle. Dumfermling. Kingis charge, releis Ellot.

25 *December* 1579.

Assignis to the dekyn and brether of the skynner craft Wednisday nixt to produce thair foundatioun and rycht of ane annuelrent acclamit be Jhonn Jhonnstoun in name of the kirk as collectour to the annuelis thairof. Villa, skynneris.

30 *December* 1579.

[The provost, bailies, and council,] being convenit in the counsalhous for resonyng vpon the common effaires and hering of maister William Makdowgallis comptes, collectour of Sanct Paullis Wark, the said maister Williame delyuerit to thame four wrytingis in parchament belonging thairto, quhairof the ane was the foundatioun of the hospitall of the said wark, and the vther thrie subscryuit be James Gray, Vincient and Henry Strauthahingis, notaris; quhilkis evidentis Jhonn Jhonstoun, collectour, ressauit and hes in his handis, quhome they ordane to be chairgit thairwith, and heirvpon the said maister William askit instrumentis. Makdougall, evidentis, Sanct Paullis Wark, charge, Jhonston, collectour.

The provest, baillies, and counsall, vnderstanding thame to be greitlie hurt be the nocht having in register thair haill evidentis and rentallis, and in speciall the rentall of Sanct Paullis Wark, ordanis that the samyn be registrat in this thair counsall buke, as alsua thatt the collectour, present and to cum, vpliftar of the annuellis contenit thairin and vther dewties belonging to the hospitall thairof, mak thair comptes yeirlie with the dene of gild and thesaureris in all tyme cuming; and assignis to maister William Makdowgall, collectour, Tuysday nixt be sevin houris to mak his comptes. Registering of the rentall of Sanct Paulis Wark.

Heir followis the rentall contenyng the annuellis and yeirlie rentt foundit to the hospitall of oure Lady, callit Sanct Paullis Wark in Leith Rentall, Sanct Paullis Wark, etc.

Rentall, Sanct Paullis Wark, etc.

Wynde, be oure maist reuerend father in God, Bischop Thomas Spens, Bischop of Abirdene.

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Summa of thir annuellis left be the foundatour aboue writtin is j^c xx li.

Annuellis infeft to the said hospitall of Sanct Paull be men of gude memorie sen the deceis of the said foundatour.

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Summa of thir annuellis foundit sen the deceis of the first foundatour is xvij li. xix s. viij d.

Summa of the haill annuellis contenit in this present rentall, deducand the xj s. to the Trinitie College, is j^c xxxvj li. xvj s. iiij d.

Followis the tenour of the act writtin vnderneth the said rentall:—

Vige^mo quarto Decembris 1573.

The baillies and counsall ordanis officiaris to poynd and distrenyie the rediest gudes and geir of the occupearis of the landis debtbound for the sovmes respective abouewrittin within the boundis and jurisdiction of this burgh, and mak payment thairof to the maister and collectour of Sanct Paullis Wark for paying of the pure beidmen thairof, sa oft as neid sall requyre.

1 *January* 1579-80.

Act anentis geving out of preceptis be the clark or his deputis.

The provest and baillies, willing to remeid the greitt informalitie vsit in all tymes past be the thesaureris, dene of gildis, and vtheris officiaris, resaveris of the common gude and debursaris thairof be preceptis at thair commandis quhen occasion seruit, and vnderstanding that the saidis preceptis ar nocht insert in thair counsall buke quhairby thair successouris succeding yeirlie in thair places ar commonlie in doubtt quither command hes bene gevin thairto or nocht; for remeid thairof and eschewing of ony sic doubt as mycht occur thairby heirefter, hes statute and ordanit thatt in all tymes cuming all maner of preceptis to be direct and gevin furth to thair saidis thesaureris, dene of gildis, and baillies, and vtheris thair officiaris for debursing of ony sovmes of money, outher greitt or small, in thair names subscryuit be thair common clark or his deputtis, be immediatlie efter the command gevin insert with the rest of thair actis of counsall in the counsall buke and thairefter extractit furth thairof be thair

said clark or his deputtis as occasioun sall serue and na vtherwayes, vnder the payne of payment of the sovmes contenit in the preceptis vtherwayes gevin furth be thair said clark and his foirsaidis of his and thair awin proper gudes but fauouris.

Act anentis geving out of preceptis be the clark or his deputis.

Vnderstanding thame to be greitlie hurt and thair liberties gretumlie preiugit be the geving of sasingis be the baillies of sundrie landis and annuelerentis quhilk iustlie suld apertene to the gude tovne, quhairby they are compellit to enter in proces with the pairtes resavaris thairof, befoir the loirdis and vtheris juges, to thair sumptuous chairgis and greit hurtt, thairfoir for remeid thairof statutis and ordanis thatt na maner of sasingis be heirefter gevin within this burgh or friedome of ony maner of landis or annuelrentis within the samyn bott be the baillie of the quarter quhair the landis quhairof sesing is to be gevin lyis alanerlie, and na vther, except he be absentt or seik, vnder the payne of payment of tuenty s. to the hospitall vnforgevin be the baillie contravenar of this presentt ordinance sa oft as he failyeis, and the baillies gevaris of the sesingis to be ansuerabill thairfoir.

Act that na baillie gevis sesing bott in his awin quarter.

The provest, baillies, and counsall nominatis and appoyntis William Fairlie, ane of thair counsall, to wait vpoun the persute of the actioun of the Senys to be intentit befoir the lordis aganis the pretendit occupearis thairof, to quhome they ordane Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to delyuer tuenty pundis for making of the expenssis on the lettres to be raisit and vther thingis necessar, quhairof ten pundis in hand and vther ten quhen he requyris the samyn.

Villa, Senys, Fairlie, precept, thesaurer.

6 *January* 1579-80.

Efter avysement with the supplicatioun gevin in befoir thame be John Clavy, John Wilky, Mathow Eistoun, William Anderson, and certan vther candilmakeris, quhairby they humblie desyrit thatt command war gevin to the haill officiaris of this burgh to desist and ceis fra all poynding of thame for ony sovmes quhairto they war extented be the merchantis, alsweill in tymes bygane as to cum, insafar as they war

Villa, candilmakeris, fleschouris, extent.

Villa, candilmakeris, fleschouris, extent.

subiect to beir all protabill charges with the dekyn and brether of the fleschour craft as ane pendikill thairof, as be certan auld actis maid be thair predecessouris to the saidis fleschouris mycht be sufficientlie provin; fyndis and delyueris that heirefter the candilmakeris having na vther tred to leve by, except the making of candill, sall be extentit with the saidis fleschouris, and that sic of the candilmakeris as vsis ony tred of merchandise lyke as thay have bene in all tymes past subiect to extent with the merchantis, sall pay extentis with the merchantis alsweill for tymes bygane as to cum.

Act, provestis burgeschipis, gildis comptis.

The provest, baillies, and counsall vnderstanding that to the provestis of the yeris past, and in speciall to George Douglas of Parkheid, and Archibald Stewart, provestis for the tyme, thair hes bene granted twa burgesses by and attour the sovme of ten li., expres contrair the actis, quhairas of auld dewtie thay aucht onlie to have the benefite of twa burgesses or ten li. thairfoir, and thatt allowance hes bene gevin to the denis of gild of the yeris past thairof; and willing that the samyn be remeditt in tyme cuming, concludis and decernis that in all tymes cuming the provestis to cum have na farther benefite then hes bene granted to thair predecessouris, to witt, outher the admissioun of twa burgesses or ellis ten pundis thairfoir, and nocht to bruke the benefite of baith; and ordanis thatt be the auditouris of dene of gildis comptes thair be na farther allowance gevin than of the ane thairof, becaus be the granting of baith they have found thair liberties gretumlie preiugit and the commoun proffeit of the burgh hinderit thairby.

Act that na burgessis be maid bott att the four heid courtis.

The provest, baillies, and counsall for certan gude causis and considerationis moving thame, statutis and ordanis thatt fra this day furth thair be na burgessis nor gildis resauit, suorn, or admitted, bott at foure seuerall tymes in the yeir, viz.:—the four heid courtis, and thatt in presens of the provest, baillies, and counsall for the tyme and na vtherwayes. And to the effect this thair ordinance may the better be obseruit, ordanis thatt the lokkitt gild buke be putt vp in the chairterhous nocht to be removit furth thairof quhill twa dayes befoir the saidis heid courttis,

to the effect the extract of the names of sic as ar insertt thairin may be delyuerit to thame that sutis to bruke the privilege of burgesschippis and gildries be thair fatheris richtis, vpoun thair reasonabill expenssis.

Act that na burgessis be maid bott att the four heid courtis.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis ordanis Lucas Wilsoun to by sax lampis for seruing in the kirk in the wynter tyde.

Precept, gild, lampis.

Ordanis thatt in all tymes cuming, fra this communion furth, thair be na allowance maid to the denes of gild, present or to cum, in thair comptis of ony expenssis for stamping of the communion tikketis, because the samyn is ane nouatioun quhilk hes nocht bene vsit of befoir, and nathing proffitabill to the common weill, and ordanis that quhensoeuer ony auditouris beis chosin for hering of the dene of gildis comptis, this ordinance be intimat to thame for the better obseruing heirof.

Gildis comptis, stamping tikkettis, auditouris.

8 *January* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Androw Stevinsoun, thesaurer, be aduyse of the president and vther lordis of the sessioun, to cause mak ane round taibill in the lordis over counsalhous, together with sic vther necessaris as best for the decorement thairof salbe be thame thocht expedient.

Precept, thesaurer, lordis counsalhous, round tabill.

13 *January* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies, and council] efter avysement with the complaynt producit befoir thame this day in jugement be Hew Westoun, eldest sone to vmquhill Jhonn Westoun, burges and gild of this burgh, quhairby he humblie desyrit that the officiaris of this burgh war commandit to desist and ceis fra all trubling of him for payment of bygane extentis insafar as the samyn was contrair the privilege granted be thair lordshipis predecessouris to burges barnis, finds the said Hew salbe exemit and fred fra payment of bygane extentis and that in tyme cuming, insafar as he is admitted thair frie burges and gild, that he be subiect to all portabill chargis within this burgh according to the ordour.

Villa, Westoun, extent.

Ordanis Eduard Jhonnstoun, youngar, to pas to waird, thair to remane

Jhonnstoun, extent.

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vpoun his awin expenssis ay and quhill he pay all bygane extentis, becaus he hes bene oft tymes chargit thairto of befoir and disobeyit.

15 *January* 1579-80.

Hamiltoun wairdit.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis the Kingis Maiesties wryttingis efter following to be registrat in this thair counsall buke, quhairof the tenour followis:—Rex. Provest and baillies of our Burgh of Edinburgh. Ye sall incontinent efter the sicht heirof resave James Hamyltoun, sone to Robert Hamilton of Cors, and cause keip him in sure waird within your tolbuith, that he eschew not ay and quhill he be fred be ws, as ye will [answer] thairupon, kepand thir presentis for your warrand. Subscryuit with our hand at Halyroudehous, the xxv day of December, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} lxxix yeiris. James R. Argyle, Uchiltrie, etc.

Grahame wairditt.

Rex. Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greit yew weill. It is our will and we charge yow that ye incontinent efter the sicht heirof resave within the tolbuith of our said burgh George Grahame of Compatrik, to be kepit thairin that he eschaip nocht ay and quhill he be fred and relevit be ws, as ye will answer to ws thairupoun, keping thir presentis for your wairand. Subscryuit with our hand at our palace of Halyruidhous, the xiiij day of Januar 1579. James R.; Dumfermeling; Uchiltrie.

Villa, collectour, commissionaris assissouris to the annuellis.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaid vnderstanding thame greitlie hinderitt be wanting of certan ordinar assissouris for avysing of the process of thair annuellis hes gevin thair full commission to thair weilbelouitis Henry Nesbet, Robert Kar, and William Littill, baillies, together with Jhonn Jhonnston, collectour of the saidis annuellis, to pas to maister Jhonn Schairp and sic vtheris as they think expedient and inquyre of him quhither he will tak the burding on him to avyse the samyn or nocht, and fynding him willing to accept the said burding on him to compone and agrie with him for ane dewtie to be gevin to him thairfoir, as alsua to speik Alexander King, procuratour fiscall, and for his paynis tane and to be tane be him in defence of the actionis intentit or to be intented be thair said collectour of the saidis annuellis, to offer and

agrie with him for ane dewtie to be gevin him thairfoir induring thair willis, promesand ferme and staibill, &c., and to repoirt thair ansueris on Wednisday nixt.

Villa, collectour, commissionaris assessouris to the annellis.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis vnderstanding thame debtbound in certan sovmes of money avancit be Eduard Hert, goldsmyth, for furtherance of the copburde presented to the Kingis Maiestie at his entrie to this burgh, and willing that the said Eduard suld be according to resoun reimbursit thairof, ordanis thair thesaurer Androw Stevinsoun, to delyuer to Robert Kar, baillie, the sovme of four scoir four pundis [*blank*] to be gevin be him to the said Eduard vpoun compte and rekning, and the said Robert being always astricted to refound and pay the samyn agane to the said Androw Stevinsoun without dilay, and incais the said Robert Kar, baillie, pay nocht the said sovme to the said thesaurer, the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptes of thesaurary.

Villa, Hert, goldsmith, Kar, baillie, precept, thesaurer, charge, Kar, baillie.

In presens [of the bailies and council] comperit Thomas Ros, secund sone to James Ros, merchant, and being inquyrit quhy he payit nocht his extentis bygane with the merchantis, ansuerit that he had payit the samyn alrady with the skynneris, and, inrespect of that he wes ane skynner, aucht nocht to be compellit to extent with the merchantis, as alsua being demandit quhow lang he remainit prenteis at the skynner craft, deponit he remanit twa yeiris alanerlie, quhairvpoun Henry Nesbett, baillie, in name of the gude tovne, askit instrumentis and ordanis the said Thomas, nochtwithstanding his allegit payment of extentis bygane with the skynneris, to pay with the merchantis becaus he traffecquid with merchandise and vsis nocht the skynner craft; and Jhonn Wilky, skynner, in name of the dekyn and brethrene of the skynner craft, protested that this thair decreit gevin aganis the said Thomas Ros, as he allegit, skynner, suld nocht preiuge thair craft, and that nochtwithstanding the samyn he war subiect to extentis with thame, and nocht with the merchantis, insafar as he is admitted frieman to the said craft, and the haill counsall in the contrair, and heirvpoun ather of thame askit instrumentis.

Villa, Ros, extentis, protestationnes, Nesbett, Wilky.

Mak, Portuous, nichtbourheid.

The provest, baillies, and counsall ordanis George Mak to remove the watter spoutt biggit be him vpoun the land pertening to him lyand foirnentis the Salttrone, and thair clark to forme ane decreit vpoun the supplication producit befoir thame be Elizabeth Portuous, and insert the samyn in thair nichtbourheid buke, and thairefter delyuer his the extract thairof vpon hir expens, quhilk they ratefie and apprevis in the said Georgis presens.

20 *January* 1579-80.

Villa, extentis, Achesoun of Goffurde, and Mariorebankis of Rathow.

[The provost, bailies, and council] efter avysement with the complaint gevin in befoir thame be Alexander Achesoun of Goffurde, and Thomas Mariorebankis of Rathow, bering thame to be greitlie hurtt be the daylie extentis laid vpoun thame nochtwithstanding thatt they vsitt na maner of traffique within this Burgh, nor without the samyn, and had onlie the titill and name of burgesses doand thair obseruance to the gude tovne in all thair effaires according to thair power, and yit war extentit with the hiest to thair damnpnage and skaith, quhairby they wald be compellit to geve our thair friedome exceptt remeid war provydit, and thairfoir maist humblie desyrit thatt command war gevin to the baillies and officiaris of the yeris past to desist and ceis from all troubling of thame for payment of extentis bygane in respect of the premissis, and that in tyme cuming they war alanerlie extented with the rest of the nichtbouris of this burgh according to thair habilitie quhenever thair occurrit ony raid or quhair the extent war laid vpon landis within burgh, and na vtherwayes. Fyndis and delyueris thatt conforme to the appoyntment taikin be Jhonn Adamsoun and Williame Littill, baillies, direct be thame to tak suir myndis with the said Alexander and Thomas heiranent, the said Alexander Achesoun in compleit payment of all extentis bygane be compositioun sall pay saxtene pundis, and the said Thomas Mariorebankis be the lyke compositioun to pay tuelf pundis for all byganis, and thatt in tyme cuming quhensoeuer ony occasioun of extentis sall occur, to be subiectis to the payment of extentis concerning raidis allanarlie and na vtherwayes, and impositioun vpon landis efter the raid of thair heretage within the samyn, except it sal happin thame to traffique in merchandise or vse ony forther tred within this burgh nor they do now presentlie at the making heirof.

It being mentionat to thair lordshipis be Henry Symsoun in Innerkething, skipper of ane craiv thairof, that Jhonn Littill, walter baillie of Leith, had begon ane new novatioun vpoun him be compelling him to pay fourty penneis for his boitt as he allegit, within the hawin of Leith, quhilk he was never in vse to pay of befoir, and thairfoir desyrit that remeid war putt thairto in tyme, and he dischargit of ony sic dewtie in respect of the premissis; efter rype avysement heirwith, baith the saidis pairties being removit, and agane incallit, and ather of thair allegances at lenth hard, sene, and vnderstand, fyndis and delyueris that the said Jhonn Littill hes done na wrang in vplifting of the said dewtie of fourty penneis, insafar as it is cleirlie vnderstand be thame that the said Henries hes ane spynnill craiv and na boitt quhilk of auld dewtie never payit les, nor aucht to pay les, for hir ankerage sylucr within the hawin, nor fourty penneis; quhairvpoun the said Jhonn Littill, walter baillie, askitt instrumentis.

Littill, walter baillie in Leith, against Symsoun in Innerkething.

22 *January* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies, and council] fyndis that the merchantis and merineris of the schip callit the William of Leith, quhairof William Downy is maister, may sell thair wynis commonlie to all our Souerane Loirdis lieges for thre scoir fyvetene pundis, the samyn being maid price conforme to thair aithis taikin of befoir that they had coft the samyn in Burdealis for xxj crownis and ane half, compting for ilk frank xvj s., twelf li. of fraucht, and of lekkage aucht pundis, with the expenssis maid on the sellaring and sellar maill thairof and vther charges, and Androw Jowsy [became] souerty that the samyn salbe sauld of the price abouewrittin.

Pryces, wynis, Downies schip.

27 *January* 1579-80.

The baillies and counsall foirsaid vnderstanding thame selues and the common weill of this burgh to be greitlie hurtt be the nocht inserting of thair thesaureris, dene of gild, baillies, and collectouris comptes of the yeris past, as vse hes bene of befoir, ordanis thair clark to seik out the haill comptes sen the laitt trublis, and bring the samyn befoir thame on Fryday nixt to the effect abouewrittin, as alsua ordanis the dene of gild to bring with him the lokkit buke of burgesschippis for inputting thairof in the chairterhous, conforme to the act maid thairanent.

Act for bringing of all comptis to be insert in the buke of responde.

Act for poynding or wairding of sic as refusis to contribute with thair nychtbouris, awneris of wynis.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaid vnderstanding ane greit nomber of the awneris of the wynis laitlie cum from Burdealis to be very obstinat in contributing with thair nychtbouris in deserting of thame befoir the secreitt counsall, ordanis officiaris to poynd or waird all sic as refusis to beir thair pairt of the charges and expenssis to be maid on the men of law, scrybis, and maissouris, and that becaus the samyn is done for ane common proffeitt and they participant thairof.

5 *February* 1579-80.

Act for conuening the Auditouris.

Ordanis actis to be direct for conuening of the auditouris of comptes to be in the counsalhous on Wednisday nixt be twa houris efter none and to conuene Androw Sklater, John Acheson, Robert Kar, younger, and maister Jhonn Marioribankis to be rady to mak thair comptes of the extentis vplifted be thame the tyme of thair offices of baillierie.

Charge, thesaurer, Henrisouns escheitt.

The provest, baillies, and counsall vnderstanding Agnes Henrisoun, sister to vmquhill Sir Eduard Henrisoun, to have put down hir self, and thairby the escheit of all hir gudes movabill an vnmovabill to becum in thair handis, componis with James Henrisoun, son to the said vmquhill Sir Eduard, for ten libris, quhome they mak thair cessionar and assign in and to the vplifting, craving, and resauing of the samyn, quhilk sovme they ordane him to pay to thair thesaurer.

9 *February* 1579-80.

Villa, precept, thesaurer, collectour, ministeris.

The provest, baillies, and counsall, and dekynnis vnderstanding Jhonn Jhounston, their collectour, nocht to have as yit recouerit sic soomes of money of thair annuellis as wald satefie the ministeris of this burgh of thair stipendis, ordanis Andrew Stevinsoun, thair thesaurer, to delyver vnto him the sovme of sax hundreth merkis of the rediest of thair commoun gude, quhilk sovme they all in ane voce consentis and aggreis be augmented to the first extent thatt salhappin to be raisit vpoun this burgh for payment to be maid thairof agane to the said thesaurer.

10 *February* 1579-80.

Appoyntis William Littill, baillie, and maister Jhonn Preston to destributte the sylver being in ane box apprehendit in Sir William Magdowgallis possessioun appertening to the pure of the Hospitall of Sanctis Paullis wark amang thame. Villa, pure, Sancti Paullis Wark.

The provest, baillies, and counsall fyndis the desyr of the maltmen of this burgh resonabill quhairby they desyrit suretie vpoun thair expenssis to cawse mak thre or four fourletis with als mony pekis for breking of the mesouris of Leith, and to be furthcumand to thame quhenever they had ado with metting of ony victualis thair, as vnpossibill sall it be to the samyn ayther to be maid les or mair to the greit vtilitie alsweill of thame as all vtheris our Souerane Lordis liegis resorting to Leith, the samyn fourletis and pekis to remane in the custodie of the fermoraris of the pettecustomis thair to be furthercumand as said is; and thairfoir appoyntis Robert Kar, baillie, together with the dene of gild, thesaurer, and Rychart Abircrumby of the counsall to se the samyn fourletis and pekis met and mesourit and thairefter gevin to the saidis fermoraris to be vsit as is abouewrittin. Villa, malt men, mettis, Leith.

The prouest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis foirsaidis, in consideration of the act of parliament anentis xij d. of ilk pund to be vplifted of all sic as tynis thair actionis in the tolbuith befoir the juges, and to the effect the samyn may be execute with all vigour aganis the contravenaris thairof, ordanis actis of wairding or poynding to be direct for poynding or wairding of all personis conuict or that heirefter salbe conuict in ony soumes befoir thame for the saidis xij d. of euerolk pund as the samyn salbe gevin vp in bill be Robert Kar, baillie, and subscryuit be thair clark or ony vtheris to succeid in the said Robertis place efter him, and that the officiaris of this burgh put the saidis decreitis obtenit or to be obtenit without dilay to execution vnder the payne of deprivatioun of thame ot thair offices. Act for wairding or poynding for xij d. of the pund.

11 *February* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies, and council] being convenit in the counsalhous Rex, villa, Forbesses.

Rex, villa, Forbesses.

of the said burgh, the said Henry Nesbett, baillie, exhibit and producit befoir thame the Kingis Maiesties wryting subscryuit be his Hienes the Erle of Argyle and Lord Cathcart, quhilk being red and considerit be the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall they ordanit the samyn to be registrat and insert in thair counsall buke, and the originall to be put in keping in thair charterhous amangis the rest of the tovnis evidentis thair to remane *ad perpetuam rei memoriam* and be ane warrand to thame and thair successouris at the handis of all pairties havand entres; of the quhilk writing the tenour followis:—Rex. Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greit yow weill. Forsamekill as Jhonn Maister of Forbes, maister Arthour Forbes, brother to the laird of Cors, James Forbes of Barnis, Gilbert Forbes, Arthour Forbes of Carndully, William Forbes, his brother, and William Forbes of Singache, seruandis to the said Maister of Forbes, hes found souerty acted in our buikis of secreit counsall that they sall remane and keip ward within the poirtis of our burgh of Edinburgh and nocht transcend the boundis thairof ay and quhill forther libertie be granted be ws to thame, vnder the payne of xx^{m} merkis. Quairfoir it is our will and we command yow that incontinent efter the sycht heirof ye deleit the Act maid for the remaning and keping waird be the said Maister and his seruandis within thair luging in our said burgh quhairthrow the samyn have na forther strenth, force, effect, nor executioun aganis thame nor thair soureties contenit thairon in tyme cuming, as ye will ansuer to ws thairupoun kepand thir presents for thair warrand. Subscryuit with our hand at Halyruidhous the fourt day of Februar, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} thre scoir nyntene yeris. James R. Argyle, Cathcart. And thairefter for obedience of the said wryting the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall ordanit the Act mentionat thairin insert in thair Act buke anent the remaning and keping of waird be the saidis Maister of Forbes and his seruandis within thair luging in the said burgh, to be deleit furth of the saidis bukis, and have na strenth, force, nor effect aganis the said Maister of Forbes his seruandis and cautioneris in ony tyme cuming, quhairvpon maister Jhonn Skene, aduocat, in name of the said Maister and his foirsaidis askit instrumentis.

17 *February* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to delyuer to the said Alexander Clark, provest, ane hundreth and sax pundis for the expenssis of ane bankett maid be him to the Kingis Maiestie and lordis of secreitt counsall.

Precept, thesaurer, Kingis bankett.

19 *February* 1579-80.

The provest, baillies, and counsail foirsaidis namis and constitutis Henry Nesbett, baillie, Jhonn Arnot, and Henry Charteris or ony twa of thame thair very lawfull, vndowted, and irreuocabill procuratouris, actouris, doaris, and commissioneris in thair names to compeir in the tovne of Glasgow in the conuention of burrowis to be haldin and begun the xxiiij of this instant and thair to reson, intreit, and conclude with the remanent commissioneris of burrowis in all thingis concerning the weill of burrowis and estait of merchantis as salbe proponit in the said conuentioun, promesand to hald ferme and staibill, etc.; and becaus it hes oftymes cum to pas that dyueris of the nychtbouris of this burgh being zelous, ernist, and cairfull of the weil thairof, neuertheles, insteid of recompance of thair gude willis and seruice, hes bene molested and troublit in thair bodies and gudes to thair havy dampnage and skaith, for the quhilk thay have resauit na recompance nor gude deid; for remeid thairof and that na persoun sal have occasioun to fall from thair formar zeill and commoun weill of this burgh for feir and lois of thair guides, bot rather to be instigat and be all meanis possibill provokit to continew thairintill conforme to thair bondin dewtie, thairfor the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall hes be thir presentis statute and ordanit that gif it sal happin ony of the saidis commissioneris quhilkis ar presentlie to pas to the said conuentioun in the common effaires of this burgh or yit ony vther persoun ane nychtbour and burges of this burgh or vtheris at ony tyme heirefter to be imprisonit, trublit, or ony wayis molested be supreme power or authorities in thair bodies, landis, or gudes, that the samyn salbe haldin repute and estemit as the tovnis awin proper actioun and cause; and the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall be

Villa, Commissioneris to the Conventioun of Burrowis in Glasgow.

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the tenour heirof bindis and oblesis thameselues and thair successouris nocht onlie to fortefie and assist the saidis personis troublit as said is, with thair bodies, landis, and guidis, and to travell, laubour, and procure thair releif and friedome gif it happinis thame to be imprisonit as said is, bvt als to refound, content, and pay thame and thair airis all and quhatsumever expenssis, dampnages, and interes it salhappin thame or ony of thame to mak or sustene during thair saidis trublis, as they or thair airis sall geve vp and mak faith the saidis dampnages and expenssis to extend to, vpon thair consciences, and to that effect ayther to cause the haill tovne contribute thairto, or to refound the samyn of the rediest of the common gudes of this burgh as best sall pleis the pairtie troublit as said is: and forther be resoun that the troubling and molesting of the saidis nychtbouris hes bene and may happin to be coullourit with the titill of ane privat cryme or offence, quheras the samyn in veritie is done for the common cause, the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall willis and grantis that the samyn salbe haldin and repute to have bene done for na vther cawse bvt for ane zele and favour they had to the wiell of the gude tovne, and that ay and quhill they happin to be tryit and conuict be ordour of law for the same as for thair awin privat cryme or dimerites and quhill the samyn be done the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall and thair successouris to be haldin to refound thair coistis, dampnages, and expenssis in maner foirsaid.

24 *February* 1579-80.

Precept, thesaurer, Actis of Parliament.

Ordanis Andro Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to gett and by all the Actis of Parliament that ar prentit and maid sen the regiment of vmquhill James Erle of Murray; and to deliuer the same to the clerkis to be kepit to the townis vse.

Compositio, Gilbert, chairge, collectour.

Michaell Gilbert, goldsmyth, referrit him in the townes will als weill anent the byerunis as in tyme cuming of the annuelrent of twelf merkis awand furth of his land in Leyth to the freiris predicatouris of this burgh, and of ane merk annuell awand to the saidis freiris furth of his land in the Castell Hill; and the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale in consideratioun

that the said land in Leyth is waist and hes gevin na maill sen the first sege of Leyth, thai discharge to him the byrunis of the said annuell of xij merkis, and ordanis to pay nyne merkis yeirlie in tyme cuming for the said annuell, dischairgeing him of the rest thairof, and als ordanis him to pay ten merkis for the byrun annuellis of the said annuell, and in compleitt payment of the byrunis thairof, and to mak thankfull payment of the said amendit annuel in tyme cuming, quhilk the said Michaell acceptit and wes content thairwith, and oblist himself, his airis and assignayes to the payment thairof according to the said compositioun. Compositio, Gilbert, chairge, collectour.

2 *March* 1579-80.

Ordanis the thesaurer to refound and pay to my Lord Prouest the sowme of sextein schillingis debursit be his lordship to ane boy sent to Stirling to the townis commissioneris with ansuer to thair bill sent to the guid toun. Precept, thesaurer.

Ordanis Andro Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to Andro Lindsay, javelour, the sowm of ten pundis in compleitt of all maner of coilles furnist be him to the lordis of sessioun, to the kirk, and town this present yeir. Precept, thesaurer, javellour, coillis

Allaster M'Gregour, seruand or dependare vpoun the laird of Gairdne being recentlie apprehendit be the officiaris of this burgh of wering, bering, and vsing ane chairgett dag at his belt, with powlder and bullat, and with the flaskis thairof contrair the Actis of Parliament; and being callit in and accusit thairvpoun in presens of the said laird confessit the premissis to be of verity, and thairfore the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanit the said Allaster to be putt in waird, and the morn to be putt to the knawlege of an assyse. M'Gregour wering dags.

4 *March* 1579-80.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis ordanis Androw Stevinsoun, thesaurer, vpoun the maister of the scoles expenssis to cawse mend the vtter dur of the scolehous and clois thairof with sic vther thingis as ar spiltt in the said maisteris negligence. Precept, thesaurer, hie scole.

Wairding Douglas.

Fyndis that James Douglas, sone to George Douglas of Parkheid, and his complices now in waird for the hurting of [*blank*] Asbowane, sall remane still thairin.

9 *March* 1579-80.

Repoirt, chirurgeanis, hurting of Asbowane be Douglas.

Comperit Robert Henrison, Henry Blythe, Henry Brussett and Henry Lumbisden, chirurgeanis, and reportit that they as yit culd geve na resolute ansuer towart the hurting of Robert Asbowane be James Douglas and his complices, bot that he is in danger quhill forther tryell.

11 *March* 1579-80.

Crawfurd, Haistie.

Comperit Jhone Lowsoun, chirurgean, quha being sworn maid fayth that Nicoll Haistie, cordiner, is in na daynger of his lyfe of the hurt and wound gevin him be Thomas Crawfurd, as wes knawin to the said Jhone quha hes the curing and handling of the said Nicollas; thairfore thai ordane the said Thomas to be putt to liberty furth of waird vpoun cawtioun: and Alexander Gilbert, goldsmyth, is becum souerty for the entrie of the said Thomas as law will and for all thingis the toun may lay to his chairge.

Villa, Dowglass putt to liberty.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, and council] comperit Robert Henrysoun, Howie Brussat, Henry Blyth, Gilbert Primrose, James Lyndsay, James Craig, and Henry Lumisdaill, chirurgeanes, and maid fayth that thai had oft and sindry tymes viseit and sene the pausing, dressing, curing, and handling of Robert Asbowane, quha wes laitlie hurt and woundit be James Dowglas, sone to George Douglas of Parkheid, his seruandis and complices, vpoun the fourt day of Marche instant, and in speciall that this instant day, betuix thre and four at efter none, they had sene his woundis dressit and handlit, quhairvpoun thai declairit and maid fayth as said is that the said Robert Asbowane wes nor is in na daynger nor perell of his lyfe or of mutilatioun of this present hurt at this tyme. In respect of the quhilk declaratioun and of the Kingis Maiesties writting direct and sent to my lord prouest for putting of the saidis persounis to libertie, the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis the said James Dowglas

and George Crawfurd, James Twedy, Hew Ros, and the remanent his complices and seruandis presentlie in waird, to be fred and putt to libertie vpoun cautioun to ansuer at the pairteis instance as law will, and forther to be ansuerabill to the Kingis Maiestie and to the guid toun as thai sall pleis to chairge, vnder the payne of fyve thousand markis, as als to releis and keip the toun skaythles at all handis quhome it efferit. And thairafter James Hunter, merchant, and William Cokky, goldsmyth, become actit cawtioneris and souerteis coniunctlie and seuerallie for the saidis personis in maner foresaid; and the said George Dowglas of Parkheid actit himself to releif the saidis personis cawtioneris and souerteis foresaidis of the premissis.

Villa, Dowglass putt to liberty.

13 *March* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies, and council] being convenit in the counsal hous of this burgh, with the ministeris and ane pairt of the eldares and deikynis of the kirk for taking of ordour anent the puir that the toun may be purgeit of owtland beggares, vagaboundis, and idill persounis, and for sustening of thair awin puir conforme to the actis of parliament, ordanis proclamatioun be maid throw the toun be the saesche and sound of bell, the morn be allevin houris, chairgeing all straynge and owtland beggares and all vther idill persounis, vagabundes without maister or certane vocatioun, to depairt furth of this burgh within allevin houres nixt thairafter vnder the paynes contenit in the said actis of parliament to be execute aganis thame with all rigour; and to chairge thair awin puir to convene thameselfis on Wednisday nixt be ane efter none in the Gray Freir kirk yaird and giv vp thair names and aige and remaining, and, sic as beis fund worthie, to resaue thair toikinis be the quhilk thai sal be sufferit to ask daylie almous throw the toun, and sic as convenis nocht that may travell, and sall want the said toikin, to be baynist the toun.

Proclamation, puir.

16 *March* 1579-80.

Ordanis actes to be direct chairgeing the fermoreris of the commoun mylnes of this present yeir and thair souerteis to ansuer and mak payment to the thesaurer of the dewty of the mylnes this last quarter bypast, vnder the payne of wairding of thair persounis, and gif thai failyie to putt

Thesaurer, fermoreris, wairding.

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thame in waird thair to remane vpoun thair awin expenssis quhill thankfull payment be maid.

18 *March* 1579-80.

Aikinheid, counsallour.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaidis electis and chusis in place of Jhonn Wilky of the counsall to supplie his place at all tymes during his absence, Thomas Aikinheid, and ordanis the said Thomas to be present to geve his ayth on Wednisday nixt befoir thame, conforme to the ordour.

23 *March* 1579-80.

Craftis, puir.

Comperit the deikynis of craftis following, to witt, the deikynis of the skynneris, chirurgeanes, hammermen, baxteris, tailyeouris, flescheouris, cordineris, goldsmythis, wobsteris, [*blank*] to quhome it wes assignit to gif thair ansuer and resolutioun anent the ordour to be tane for sustening of the puir of this burgh conforme to the actis of the last parliament maid thairanent, and for ansuer thairto for thame selffis and in name of the haill craftis of this burgh, offerrit to tak and sufficientlie sustene and vphald from begging thair awin puir, sic as ar faillit craftismen with thair wyffes, bairnis, and seruandis, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis.

Wemen taverneris dischairget.

Forsamekill as it is perfytelie knawin and vnderstand to the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, that the filthie vyce of fornication, drukkennes, and all kynde of pollution is daylie increst, throw the greit multitude of wemen tavernaris, dry topstairis, and ventaris of wyne, aill, and beir, quha for the particular lucre and gaynes to thame selues and thair maisteris, intysis the youth and insolent pepill to sic filthynes, provoking thairby the wraith and the displesour of God apperandlie to fall vpoun this citie, gif haistie remeid be nocht provydit thairto: thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall statutis and ordanis thatt na wemen be sufferit or thoilit to vent, ryn or sell wyne, aill, or beir, within the boundis and friedome of this burgh fra the feist of Witsonday nixt to cum, in the yeir of God 1580 yeiris, discharging thame of the samyn in all tyme heirefter, and inhibiting all friemen burgessis of this burgh or vtheris induellaris of the same to tak in, hous, vphald, or sustene in thair tavernis, landis, or houssis,

any of the saidis wemen tavernaris, wyne ventairis, or topstairis of wyne, aill, or beir, bot thatt they committ the cure and charge thairof to the men seruandis hyritt or to be hyritt and conducit be thame to that effect, and this vnder the payne and vnlaw of fyve libris to be tane of the maister or maisteris, and banesing of the wemen of this tovne and friedome thairof for the first faltt, and for the second faltt vnder the payne and vnlaw of ten pundis to be tane of the saidis maisteris and burnyng of the wemen and seruandis on the cheikis, and the thrid falt to the said maister and maisteris spayning from that kynde of tred and tynsall of thair friedomes and liberties for euir, and the wemen to be scurgitt throw this burgh, provyding alwayis this act be nocht preiudiciall to friemenis wyves or wedowis of frie burgessis to have and exerce the said tred thame selues in thair proper personis alanerlie, they first making intimation and declaratioun to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of the samyn, and efter tryell had of thair estait, lyfe, and conuersation obtene licence to thatt effect and fynd sicker souerty that vnder the cullour of thair awin libertie they sall nocht committ the cure thairof to thair wemen seruandis and brek this act in ony poynt; quhilkis paynis and vnlawis salbe vplifted and execute with all rigour: and now becaus the tyme of hyring and putting away of seruandis is att hand, the saidis provest, baillies and counsall ordanis this present act and ordinance to be proclamit throw this burgh vpon ane mercat day that nane pretend ignorance of the samyn. [There is written on the margin] This act wes proclamit throw the toun on Mononday the 28 of Marche 1580, be sound of the tabern.

Wemen tavernaris dischairget.

25 *March* 1580.

Vnderstanding that diueris nychtboures of this burgh hes vsit in tymes bypast ane kynd of litting of clayth with orchard litt blew brissell and vther sortis of fals littis, to the greitt hurt and dissaving of our Souerane Lordis lieges and preiudice of this commoun weill; thairfore the saidis prouest, baillies and counsale hes inhibit and be this present ordinance inhibitis and dischairgeis all nychtbouris, induellaris of this burgh, libertie, and friedome of the samyn, merchantis and vtheris traffecquaris be sea or land, thatt nane of thame tak vpoun hand to bring hame or have to sell

Fals litt.

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within thair houssis, buithis or chopis ony of the said orchard litt blew brissell or sic kynde of fals litt in tyme cuming, or yitt that ony littistaris men or wemen presume to vse or occupy the saidis fals littis in litting of woll or claith, and this vnder the payne of confiscation of the said fals litt to the merchant, and ane vnlaw of ten pundis to be taikin of the said merchant and littistaris sa oft as they sall contravene this present ordinance to be dewlie and lawfully proclamit and publeschit within thair friedomes and jurisdictioun that nane pretend ignorance of the samyn. [There is written on the margin] Proclamit the xxviij of Marche, 1580.

30 *March* 1580.

Precept, thesaurer, tolbuith dur.

Ordanis Andro Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to caus mak and sett vpoun the turnepyke of their tolbuith and javellour hous ane sufficient dur quhair thair wes ane of befoir, and to furneis lok, key, bandis and bolts of yrne, and all vthor necessaris to the sam.

Commissio, Nesbett, clayth of fals litt.

Gevis and grantis full power and commissioun to Henry Nesbett, baillie, Charles Geddes and Jhonn Blaikburn, younger, draiperis, Jhonn Gardne, Jhonn Setoun, and William Hoppringill, litsteris, to pas, visie, and sicht ane pece of clayth of xx elne of lenth or thairby pertening to Margaret Gray and [*blank*] Ritchertsoun, merchant, apprehendit be the said litsteris in the handis of Jhonn Fairlie, warlker, and suspectit to be littit with fals cullouris, to trye the sufficiencie of the said litt, and to report their ansuer on [*blank*] and in the manetyme ordanis the sam to be putt vnder arreistment.

Villa, hous at Maweris mylne.

Ordanis Henry Nesbett, baillie, [and six others] to pas to the toun mylnis on the Watter of Leyth, and thair sycht visie and considder the grund and land on the West syde of Mawse mylne lyand contiguous thairto, gif the sam be meitt and commodious for bigging of ane hous thairvpoun for saiffing and keping of the stufe brocht to grind at the said mylnis be the nychtboures and baxteris of this burgh, becaus the mylne hous is nocht habill to contene the same: and as thai fynd be oculare inspectioun to report thair ansuer and jugement on this day aucht dayes.

2 *April* 1580.

The foresaidis baillies and counsale with the deikynis of barbouris, fleschouris, skynneris, baxteris, cordineris, and bonetmakeris, ordanis ane writting to be direct to the Kingis Maiestie declairing the townis pairt in the laitt tumult maid in the Hie Streitt of this burgh be the Levingstonis and Guidletis in the day of law betuix thame and the Hammiltounis, that his Hienes tak na evill opinioun of the town, and directis Robert Ker, baillie, to pas to Stirling to his Grace with the said writting, granting him thair full power and commissioun to expone and declair the said mater and to mene the townis cawse quha ar daylie trublit and putt in hazard of thair lyffes in the dayes of law betuix pairteis, and thairfore to desyre ane guid ordour to be taikin thairanent in tyme cuming, promisand to hald firme and stabill, etc.

Villa, Rex, writting, Levingstonis, Hammiltoun, day of law.

6 *April* 1580.

Robert Ker, baillie, reportit from our Soverane Lord his Hienes, lettres of thanks to the guid toun for thair guid seruice in staying of truble the last day of law betuix the Hammiltounis and Guidlettis, desyring the guid towne in any lyke occasioun to interpone thame selffis with the lyke discretioun as the said lettre subscryuit be his Hienes at Stirling the fourt of Apryle instant purports; for obedience quhairof and staying of cummer in all tymes cuming, the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale with ane greitt pairt of the dekynis being present, statutis and ordanis that vpoun ilk day of law betuix greitt pairteis ane quarter of the toun be wairnit be the baillie of the quarter to be in thair airmour with thair said baillie reddy at all aventoures to stay all cummer, and the rest of the toun to be in reddynes to support and assist thair nychtbouris gif neid sall requyre, as thai sall happin to be wairnit be the commoun bell, and the absentis to be amerciat and vnlawit in the soume of xviij s. but fauouris; and this ordour to begyn on the nixt day of law at the Southeist quarter and swa furth to the Southuest, Northuest, and Northeist quarteris respectiue and successiue ilk ane after vther to proceid at all tyme cuming.

Rex, villa, statute, dayes of law.

Cairnis, redare, bybill, Arbuthnet.

Jhone Cairnis, redare of this burgh, presentit ane new prentit bybill bund in blak lether, deliuerit to him be Alexander Arbuthnet for fulfilling of the ordour appoyntit to the said Alexander at the granting of licence to him to prent the said bybillis. And becaus the said Jhone declairit that he had payit for the binding thairof the sowm of twa merk, the said Alexander being alwayes bound to deliuer the sam frie of the bynding, thai ordane the said Alexander to be chairget to ansuer before thame on Fryday nixt and to cause refound the said sowm, and the said Jhone Cairnis to be chairget with the said bybill heirafter.

Villa, Maweris mylne et precept thesaurer.

It wes reportit be Henry Nesbitt, baillie, in name of the personis direct with him to visie the rowm at Maweris mylne conforme to the act maid thairvpoun, that the same is verray necessar and commodious for byging of ane hons and roume for keping of the nychtbouris stufe cumand to grind at the said mylne; and thairfore the said baillies and counsale with the deikinis of the barbouris, baxteris, flescheouris, skynneris, hammermen, goldsmythis, tailyouris, wobsteris, and bonetmakeris being personalie present, ordanis the thesaurer to caus big ane sufficient hous at the west syde of the said mylne of fiftie fute of lenth and threttie fute of bried and of twa hous heicht, and the expenssis to be allowit in his comptis. And Thomas Andersoun, deikin of the baxteris, wes content and consentit for himself and in name of his said craft to red the rowme and boundis of the said house reddy to the bigging vpoun thair awn expenssis, the toun lenand to thame thair warklomes to that effect.

Vantroller, thesaurer, custome, buikis.

Ordanis acts to be direct chairgeing Thomas Vantroller, buikseller, to mak payment to [the] thesaurer of the custome of all buikis brocht be him within this realm, vnder the payne of wairding.

15 *April* 1580.

Dry topsteris of outlandis aill dischairget.

Forsamekill as it is vnderstand and knawin vnto thame that the haill aill, run, ventit, toppit, and sawld within this burgh is browin furth of this burgh, quhairby the derth of aill is vphalden and the profeitt and commoditie thairof redounding to the vowtlandis browsteris is abstractit

frome the friemenis and burgessis of the said burgh, as als the rent and proffeitt of thair commoun mylnes is be the samyn greitlie diminischet, and the haill body of this burgh havelie hurt and damnefeit, thairfore it is thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit be the saidis prouest, baillies, counsale, and deikynis, for the vniuersall weill of this burgh and inhabitantes thairof and for augmentatioun of the yeirlie revenew and commoditie of thair commoun mylnis, that na maner of persoun, friemen burgessis, or indwellaris of this burgh, tak vpoun hand fra this day furth to rin, vent, top or sell within thair landis, tavernis, and houssis any maner of aill quhilk is nocht browin within this burgh and friedome thairof be friemen, friemenis wyffes, and the wedowes of frie burgessis, dischairgeing all outlandis aill to be toppit or sauld within the same at any tyme heirefter, vnder the payne of xviij s. to be taikin but fauouris of the contraueneris of this present ordinance for the first falt; and vnder the payne of xxxvj s. for the secund falt, and for the thrid falt to be spaynit frome all topping and selling of aill in tyme cuming during the will of the prouest and baillies of this burgh, quhilkis paynis sall be execut and vpliftit with all rigour, etc.

Dry topsteris of outlandis aill dischairget.

20 *April* 1580.

Ordanis Robert Ker and Henry Nesbett to pas to the javellour hous of this burgh and thair caus putt Andro Lyndesay, thair javellour, in the irnes thair to remain quhill the morn at xj hours, and that for putting William Henrysoun, seruand to Michaell Gilbert, furth of the irne and to liberty by the townis command vsurpand thairby thair authority vpoun him.

Javellour put in irnes.

Ordanis [three of the bailies, the dean of guild, and treasurer] to pas and caus mett and judge the twa new maid furlettis and twa new pekkis; and to report thair answer vpoun mesor and quailitie thairof.

New maid furlettis and pekkis.

22 *April* 1580.

Comperit Alexander and William Knelands, maltmen, quha beand accusit for making and selling of malt within the fredome of this burgh

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and vsing of the tred of merchandice within the same, thai being nather burgessis nor fremen, confessit thair falt and referrit thame selffis in the townis will; and the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale, being avyset heirwith, adiudgeit and decernit the saidis personis and euery ane of thame for thair trespas in ane vnlaw of fyve pund, and dischairgeit thame of all farther vsing of the said tred or ony wayes vsurping of the priuelege of ane frieman within the liberty and fredome of this burgh, ay and quhill thai mak thame selffis frie with the guidis toun, and ordanis Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, to be chargeit with the said vnlawis in his comptis; and Andro Kneland, seruitour to the laird of Lethingtoun, become souerty for payment of the said vnlawes.

29 *April* 1580.

Ker, sowldiour, putt to liberty.

Henry Blyth, chirurgeane, burges of this burgh, and Robert Young, barbour in Leyth, makis fayth that Robert Patie, sowldiour, laitlie hurt in singulare combatt be Andro Ker, sowldiour, in his left syde, is in na daynger of his lyfe of the said hurt, quhairfore thai ordane the said Andro to be putt to liberty furth of waird vpoun cawtioun.

Baillies to reforme the insolence on Sounday.

For staying of the awld superstitioun and insolencie commounly vsit in the tyme of May, and in the somer seasoun, ordanis the baillies, euery ane thair day about, fra this day furth to Lambes nixt, to gif diligent attendence at euery Sounday at evin throw the streittis of this burgh that na sic superstitioun or insolence be done within the sam, and quhair any inormity sall happin to putt haisty remeid thairto, this ordour begynnand at the baillie of the sowth eist quarter and swa furth.

Cok, pryce of tymmer.

Thomas Cok, merchant, and awner of the ane half of the tymmer latlie cum hame fra Norway in the schip callit the [*blank*] of [*blank*] mayd fayth that the j^{c} dailles may nocht be sawld better cheip nor xxx li; and the j^{c} sparris nor ix li.; quhairfore thai ordane the sam to be sawld na deirier.

Someruell, officiar.

The foresaidis baillies, and counsale, and deikynnis nominatis and

creatis Jhone Someruell, messinger, thair officiar and seruand of court to execute be poynding or wairding and to vplift and resaue the dewtie of the puir, viz.:—xij d. of euery pund of all sowmes recouerit and decreittit before thame aganis quhatsumeuir personis, conform to the laitt act of parlyament maid anent wilfull pleyares within burgh. . . . . .

Somerwell, officer.

4 *May* 1580.

Ordanis William Littill, baillie, to caus repair and mend the calsay betuix the stray merkett and the buriall place, with the reddiest money of the vnlawes of the maltmen of the south west quarter.

Littill, baillie, calsay at the buriall.

Ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to caus dam and hald in thair burrow loch, becaus it is fund that the lattin furth thairof is the principall caus of the scarcenes of watter and dryness of thair commoun wellis in the drowth and somer seasoun.

Burrow loch, precept, thesaurer.

Forsamekill as it is perfytelie knawin and vnderstand to the prouest, baillies, and counsale of this burgh that be occasioun of the burnmen of the samyn and wemen watter bereris thairof drawin the watter furth of the commoun wellis thairof and seruing the brewsteris thairwith, the said wellis in the drouth and somer seasoun becumes swa dry and scant of watter that the towne can nocht be seruit, as als that the said wemen watter bereris ar the cheif instrumentis of all thift and harlettry committit within the samyn, and commoun banneris, sweireris, and blasphemeris of Godis name; thairfore it is thocht expedient and be thir presentis statute and ordanit that nane of the saidis burnemen and wemen bereris of watter presume or tak vpoun hand to draw and cary frome thair commoun wellis the watter furth thairof for seruing of the browsteris with the same, and that na maner of browsteris brew thair aill with the said watter of the commoun wellis in any tyme heirefter, and als that nane of the saidis wemen commoun bereris and draweris of watter at the said wellis presume to draw, cary, or beir any watter to the nychtbouris housis of this burgh within tyme cuming or exerce and hant any sic kynd of tred, bot that the

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nychtbouris serue thame selffis with the watter of the saidis commoun wellis be thame selflis be thair feyit and houshald seruandis as thai sall haif ado, dischairgeing the said wemen commoun bereris and draweris of watter of the said tred in all tymes heirafter.

6 *May* 1580.

Reid, day throw the toun.

[The bailies and council] grantis ane day throw the toun to Jhone Reid, cobler, and Janet Harvy, his spous, to impretrat the almous of the guid nychtbouris thairof on Mononday the [*blank*] day of May instant.

Pure rolles.

Ordanis the baillies with all possibill diligence to caus mak finis and sett furth the rolles for sustening of the pure of this burgh conforme to the act of parliament.

11 *May* 1580.

Smal put to liberty.

[Henry Lumsdaill, chirurgeon, having certified that a] seruand to the Erle of Argyle is in na perell nor daynger of his lyfe of the hurt and wound gevin him be Jhone Small, [he was put to liberty.]

13 *May* 1580.

Nesbett, Eley, Lord Oliphant.

[The provost, bailies, and council] appoyntis and nominatis Henry Nesbett, baillie, to pas and convene the xx day of May instant in the toun of Sanct Andrews in name of the guid toun, with the remanent commissoneris of burrowes appoyntit in the last conventioun of burrowes, to visie and sicht the heavin and harbary begun to be bigget in the Iland of the Eley be the laird of Ardro, and thair, efter sicht thairof, to intreat and concur in thair taxatioun, as wes ordanit and agreit in the said conventioun, gevand the said Henry thair full power and commissioun as the remanent nychtbouris and burrowes appoyntit to convene as said is sall haif, and ordanit alswa the said Henry to pas to my Lord Oliphant be the way and in place of Jhone Mayne to intreat with him as wes imponit to the said Jhone anent the benefice of Dumbarny and minister thairof.

Precept, [illegible], Monime, officer.

18 *May* 1580.

[The provost, bailies, and council] being convenit in the counsale-

hous of this burgh, ordanis the said Andro Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to Thomas Moram, porter of the Nether bow, the sonme of ten merkis for his releif and sustentatioun, becaus he is hurt and woundet for the effairis of his office be certan wikket personis quhais names are nocht knawin, and hes nocht quhairwith to sustene himself.

Precept, thesaurer, Moranie, officer.

25 *May* 1580.

Ordanis Andro Stevinsoun, thesaurer, to deliuer to Jhone Smyth, gild officiar, the soum of thre pund in contentatioun of the garment quhilk the guid toun suld haif gevin him with the rest of the officiaris of this burgh at the Kingis Graces entrie.

Precept, thesaurer, Smyth, gild officiar.

27 *May* 1580.

Ordanis actis to be direct chairgeing the baillies of Leyth to serche, seik, tak, and apprehend William Forester, younger, Jhonn Thomesoun, tymmerman, and Lawrence, flescheour in Leyth, and to bring thame to this burgh to be putt in waird for thair disobedience to the minister, eldares, and deykynis of thair awin kirk, thair to remane ay and quhill thai mak satesfactioun for the sam.

Baillies of Leyth to tak Forester, Thomesoun, flescheour, for thair contempt.

Forsamekill as thai vnderstand that the hie passages leiding betuix the new heavin and this burgh ar grittumely nairowet be the nychtbouris circumiacent, and in many places incloseit, dyket vp, and haillie labourit and ceillit vp, and als that the hie passages and kairt gaittis within the toun of Leyth ar pairtlie nairowet and stoppet be casting of gottes and fowsis and setting vp of staynes that na kairtis may pas thairby, and be bigging and setting furth of choppis and stowppis of stairis and speciallie in the hie passage leiding by the landis of vmquhill Robert Patersoun in Leyth, now occupeit be his relict Jonet Cant and George Ker, skipper, hir spouse, as als in the Braid Wynd quhair thair is ane chop of new sett furth with stowppis of stairs be [*blank*] Wod, indwellare in Leyth, to the greitt hurt and damnage of our Souerane Lordis lieges resorting thairby and to the hurt of the priueleges and liberteis of this burgh; thairfore thai haif found, concludit, and decernit that the saidis prouest and baillies, with ane

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pairt of the counsale and honest nychtboures of this burgh, alsweill merchantis as craftismen, sall vpoun Tysday nixt in the morning pas and vsie the saidis hie streittis and passages, and quhair thai fynd the sam dyket vp and ceillit, to cast down the saidis dykes and make ane plane way thairof quhair the samyn hes bene of awld, and to pull vp the saidis goittis, remoue and tak away the saidis staynes, as als to demolische and cast doun the said chop and stowpes now bigget and sett vp be the said [*blank*] Wod in the said Braid Wynd and to remoue all vther impedimentis maid or laid in the Kingis hie streittis, conforme to the liberteis and priueleges of this burgh, and siclyke that the saidis prouest and baillies, at thair downe passing to Leyth, caus oppin proclamatioun be maid chairgeing all maner of personis that hes any victualles to sell in the said toun of Leyth incontinent thairafter mak patent and oppin the duries of thair selleris, buithis, loftes, and girnelles quhair the said victuall lyes to all our Souerane Lordis lieges quha lykes to by, and fra thinfurth to hald the samyn oppin and patent in tyme cuming daylie, fra sex houris of the morning to sex houris at evin, vnder na les payne nor confiscatioun of thair stufe quhensoeuir the saidis houssis beis fund closit; and the said proclamatioun being maid, gif any of the said selleris buithis, loftes, or girnelles beis found steiket or lokket, that thai caus the samyn be strukkin vp immediatly thairafter and maid patent to all our Souerane Lordis lieges quha lykes to by vpoun resonabill pryces, and this becaus it is heavelie lamentit and complenit in name of the puir, as als oppinly bruittet that the saidis victualles ar huirdet vp and kepit to ane derth be dyuers wikket and avaricious personis auneris thairof, and thairfore ordanis the premissis to be done and putt to extreme executioun the said day but forther delay.

1 *June* 1580.

Craftis ansuer for sustening of thair awin puir.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, and council] comperit the dekynes of craftes efter following:—[here follow the names] quhilkis haill persounis for thame selffes and in name of the craftis and haill dekynes and craftis of this burgh, after diuers termes assignit to thame and the last deikynes of craftes, thair predicessoures, to gif thair fynal ansuer and resolutioun anent the ordour to be tane for sustening of the puir of this burgh and

keping of thame frome begging, conforme to the last act of parliament, for fynal ansuer declairit and offerit to sustene and hald fra begging, vpoun the chairges of the craftes, thair awin puir and all decayet and faylit persounes, als weill frie as vnfrie, that hes bene of any craft, with thair wyffes, bairnis, and seruandes, and disassentit to all contributiounis to be vniuersallie vpliftet of all the nychtbouris of this burgh owerheid for sustening of the haill puir thairof in generall, and to any vther ordour to be tane for thair pairt except as is before rehersit and offerit be thame.

Craftis ansuer for sustening of thair awin puir.

After consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in be Jhonn Dalmahoy in Leyth, desyring licence to retene and hald the twa stane stoppis quhilk is the entres to his littill hous in the Kingis wark in Leyth lyand in the Braid Wynd, fyndes the said stoppis with the saitt besyde to narow the hie passages in the said wynd; and thairfore ordanis the said Jhone to remoue and tak away the saidis stoppes and saittes with all diligence, vnder the payne of wairding of his persoun.

Dalmahoy to remoue his stoppis.

Vpoun consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in for the pairt of Thomas Morame, officiar, quha wes laitlie hurt be sum wikket persounis as yitt vnknawin, for executioun of his office, be being ane commoun seruand to the towne and suld be in thair protectioun, mening that the chirurgeanes dowtting of payment ar become slak in thair cure, and that becaus of his inwart bleyding, being strukkin throw the body, necessary it is to him to be purget be within be medecines and oyntments, ordanis Henry Nesbet and William Littill, baillies, and Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to tak sic ordour with the said chirurgeanes and medicines as that thai be nocht negligent, bot that the said Thomas be diligently handlit and curit as thai will ansuer vpoun thair office and perell.

Morame, officiar, curing of his wounde.

8 *June* 1580.

[The bailies and council] ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to Andro Buchane, maister of the sang schole, the sowm of ten merk for the Witsounday termes fie awand to him be the guid toun for his said office, togidder with the sowm of vther ten merk for the said termes maill of the said sang schole.

Precept, thesaurer, maister of sang schole.

Precept, thesaurer, Cairnis, reidare.

Ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Jhone Cairnis, reidar, the sowm of twa markis quhilk the said Jhone payet and avanceit for binding of the new prentit byble pertening to the guid toun and being in his handis.

10 *June* 1580.

Watter yett oppinit.

Ordanes the kepares of the keyis of the watter yett to mak the same patent to the nychtbouris of this burgh and of the Cannonegaitt, fra fyve houris in the morning to awcht houris at evin, for the space of xv dayes, for transporting of thair fuilzie; and this sall be ane sufficient wairand to the said keparis.

College dykes, precept, thesaurer.

Ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to visie the dykes about the Quenis college or new hospitall, and to repair the decayet places thairof, and speciallie to big vp and repair the same at the west end of the town wall, and sowth end of the new aisler wark, that na persounis mak thair passages thairat.

15 *June* 1580.

Littill, orchard litt.

Ordanis William Littill, baillie, to pas to Leyth and caus serche and seik quhair any of the orchard litt or sic fals litt laitly cum hame, contrair the townes proclamatioun, may be fund, and to inuentour the sam and putt it vnder arrest, that ordour may be tane thairwith be the counsale the nixt day.

Precept, thesaurer, Morame, officiar.

[The bailies and council] ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to Robert Henrysoun and James Lindsay, chirurgeanes, the sowm of twenty pund for thair curing and handling of Thomas Morame, officiar, of the hurt and woundis gevin to him be certane personis as yitt vnknawen [*blank*] syne or thairby; and siclyke to pay to Adame Diksoun, apothecare, the sowm of fyftie schillingis for his drogis ministrat to the said Thomas the said tyme.

Grantis licence to James Broun, Inglisman, to sell and dispone in smalles to friemen the beynis brocht in be him at Leyth, vpon sic resonabill pryces as he may gett thairfore.

Licence to Broun, Inglisman, to dispone his beynis.

24 *June* 1580.

Ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, with all possibill diligence to caus mend and repair the gaitt fornent the playfeild, the town wall aboue the West Port, and the calsay of Leyth Wynd.

Precept, thesaurer, Leyth Wynd, West Port, and playfeild.

1 *July* 1580.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh and throw the towne of Leyth, peir and schore thairof, dischairgeing all maner of personis to by any dry fische to sell and cowpe agane aboue twa dayis, to serue the mercatis quhill the pepill and cuntrey quha lykes to by for the sustentatioun of their houssis be first staiket, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the said fische and pvnisment of the byeris in their persounis at the will of the prouest and baillies of this burgh.

Proclamatio, dry fische bying.

Namet and constitute, with avyse of the minister, eldares, and deikynes of the kirk of this burgh, maister James Lowsoun, minister, and Jhone Jhonestoun of Elphinstoun, thair procuratouris and commissioneris in the Generall Assembly of the Kirkis of this realme to be haldin and begun in Dundie the xij of this instant, with power to voit, conclude, and determinat with the rest of the commissioneris and ministeris of this realme in all thingis concerning the glory of God and welfair of the kirk.

Commissioneris to the Generall Assembly.

Namet and constitute Henry Chairteris and James Nicoll, merchantis, thair procuratouris and commissioneris to compeir in the Convention of Burrowes to be haldin and begun in Abirdene the xj of this instant, and in thair names to ressoun, intreat, conclude and determyne in all materis concerning the glory of God, weill of this realme, and of the merchand estaitt thairof.

Commissioneris to the Convention of Burrowis.

Proclamatioun, wawpinschawing.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh on Mononday nixt wairning all nychtboures to prepair thame selffis for the day of the wawpinschawing, quhilk is the xx day of this instant, with sufficient armour, ilk persoun vnder the payne of [*blank*] and vnder the paynes contenit in the actis of parliament.

5 *July* 1580.

Precept, thesaurer, commissioneris to the Generall Assemblie and Conventioun.

Ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to deliuer to maister James Lowsoun, minister, and Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, commissioneris of the guid toun and kirk at the Generall Assembly in Dundie, the sowm of fourty li. vpoun compt and rekning to be thair expenssis, and siclyke to deliuer to Henry Chairteris and James Nicoll vther fourty li. to be thair expenssis in Abirdene as commissioneris to the Conventioun of Burrowes vpon compt and rekning.

8 *July* 1580.

Rex, Fullertoun, cawtioun, merchantis pilleit.

Ordanis the lettre vnderwrittin producet be my lord provest to be insert and registrat in the counsale buik of this burgh for the townis wairand, of the quhilk lettre the tenour followes :—Rex. Provest, baillies, and counsale of our bruch of Edinburgh, we greit yew weill. Forsamekill as we ar surylie informit that Adame Fullertoun, your burges, the tyme of his being in Ingland with our commissioun suittand redres of the spuiloycis, reiffis, and wrangis committet and done be the Inglis pirattis vpoun the sey vpoun our subiectis, has obtenit and gottin grite sowmes of money in satisfactioun and compositioun thairof, quhairof loyale can nocht be had gudlie at this present, and thairfoir maister Jhone Provand [and seven others] for thame selffis and in name and behalff of the rest of our saidis subiectis quhilkis hes bene spuilzeit be the saidis Inglis pirattis as said is, myndis and is of purpose to send to Ingland to haif the perfyte knawlege quhat sowmes the said Adame hes resauet in compositioun and satisfactioun thairfoir, and thairefter to intent actioun aganis him for the samyn, and he fering to cum in trouble thairfoir, tendis, as we are creditablie informet, to depairt of our realme and to transport himselff and his familie

to the pairtis of Flanderis or vtheris beyonde sey, mening thairby that the saidis personis and vtheris our subiectis foirsaidis sall obtene nor get na thing of him for the saidis sownes quhilkis thai allege he hes resauit efter the recouering thairof be thame vpoun him, expres aganis all ressoun, equitie, and iustice, and thairfoir myndis to provyde remeid thairfoir. Quhairfoir it is our will and we charge yow that incontinent efter the sicht heirof ye apprehend and tak the said Adame and put him in waird in your tolbuith (nochtwithstanding that he be your burges or ony libertie, previlege, and fredome that he can clame be vertew thairof), ay and quhill he find sufficient cawtioun and souertie that he salbe ansuerable to the saidis personis for thameselfflis and remanent our subiectis aboue writtin as law will. Subscrivit with our hand at our castell of Striviling, the xxviij day of Aprile and of our regnne the threttene yeir, 1580.

Rex, Fullertoun, cawtioun, merchantis, pullit.

Hes thocht expedient, statute, and ordainit, for the weill of all our Souerane Lordis lieges that na maner of persounis tak vpoun hand to by any peis, beynes, quheitt, aittis, meill, ry, or any kynd of victuallis brocht or to be brocht in at the port and heavin of Leyth, to sell, regraitt, or cowpe the same ower agane, bot that thai suffer and permitt the inbringeis thairof to sell the samyn to all our Souerane Lordis lieges in smallis for sustentatioun of thame selffis, thair houssis, and fameleis, and gif any of the saidis persounis byes the said victuall, that thai mak thair girnellis, loftis, buithis, selleris, and houssis patent to all that lykes to by and sell the samyn of na derer pryce nor thai bocht, resonabill consideratioun being had to thair lawfull chairges and expenssis, vnder na les payne nor confiscatioun of the stufe and pvnisement of thair persounis as regratouris, at the will and plesour of the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale, quha hes ordainit this present statute to be proclamit oppinly throuch this burgh of Edinburgh and Leyth, peir and schoir thairof, that nane pretend ignorance.

Statute, victuall at Leyth.

13 *July* 1580.

For reasonabill caussis moving thame, grantis and gevis libertie and tollerance to Dauid Vaus, indweller of Leyth, after the lossing his pairt of the salt come hame in the schip callit the Trinitie vpoun the sowth schore

Vaus in Leyth, tollerance to cary his salt to the north syde of the Walter of Leyth.

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of Leyth pertening to the fredome of this burgh, to transport and carie the samyn be the brig to his awin selleris on the North syde of the Watter of Leyth, the said Dauid making offer to the guid toun and resavand pryce at thame; and the said Dauid grantet him to haf resauet the said licence as ane gratitude vpoun the mere guid will and tollerance of the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale allanerlie, and without preiudice of thair liberties and priuelegeis at ony tyme heirafter, and this vpoun supplicatioun and requeist airnestlie made be the said Dauid heirfor.

Jhonestoune his blew brissell.

Grantis and gevis licence to Edward Jhonnstoun, merchant, and Symon Jhonestoun in Dumfries, to transport and cary frome Leyth to this burgh the blew brissell laitlie apprehendet in thair possessioun and areistet be the guid toun as forbiddin guidis, conforme to the act maid anent fals littis, the saidis persounis findand cawtioun that thai sall nocht dispone nor putt the same away, but to mak the same cumand to the guid toun quhill forther ordour be tane be the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale thairanent; and Archibald Jhonestoun, merchant, become souerty for thame that the said brissell sall not be disponit bot be maid furthcumand in maner foresaid, and [*blank*] spous to the said Edward Jhonestoun confesset that the said brissellis extendis to the quantity of threttie twa stane or thairby.

15 *July* 1580.

Statute, victuall to frie merketis.

Dischairges the meilmen of Leyth and all vtheris to hald ane oppin mercat within the said toun or owtwith ane frie burgh and to sell or cowp aittis, meill, or any kynd of victuall brocht in to the said toun on horsbak, or yitt to sell, cowp, or regratt any victuall brocht in be sey bot that thai ather bring or suffer the sam be brocht to ane frie merkat, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the said victuall, and ordanis the baillies of Leyth to caus this act to be putt to executioun in all poyntis within thair jurisdictioun.

16 *July* 1580.

Wawpoun-schawing, proclamatio, put ane syngyeis.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis proclamatioun to be maid wairning all the nychtbouris to be reddy in thair armour to the wawpoun-

schawing the xx day of this moneth, ilk persoun vnder the payne of five li., and hes namit and constitute Alexander Scott, James Marioriebankis, Thomas Amond, goldsmyth, and William Harvie, port anseingyeis this present wawpounschawing. Wawpounschawing, proclamatio, port anseyngyeis.

19 *July* 1580.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, and council] Robert Abirerummy, saidler, and Thomas Aikman, referrit thame selffis in the townis will anent the trublance committit be ather of thame aganis vtheris at dyuers tymes of befor and molesting of the toun, raising of tumult and vproar thairin, and thairfor thai wer ordanit to ask the prouest, baillies, and counsale forgifnes and to schaik handis togidder, and to committ na sic trublance heirafter, bot to remayne in mutuall luif and cheritie; quha incontinent thairafter asket the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale forgifenes, promesand nocht to do the lyke and schaik handis togidder. Abirerummy, Aikman, inuoluntate.

22 *July* 1580.

Grantis and gevis licence to Edward Jhonestoun, eldare, and Issobell Littill, his spous, to intromett, sell, dispone vpoun the blew brissell laitlie brocht hame be the said Edward, quhilk wes stayet and arieistit be William Littill, baillie, as contrair to the townes ordinance maid thairanent, the said Edward and his spous findand cawtioun that the same sall nocht be vset nor imployet to ony vther wark bot to the occupatioun of the skynneris for litting thair blew ledder, and that the said act sall nocht be contravenit be thame nor the saidis skynneris in any sort, vnder sic paynes as the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale sall pleis to injoyne. Jhonestoun, blew brissell.

Thomas Flemyng, maltman, enterit the meilmen of Leyth specifeit in the act maid the xv, this day viij dayes, as he that become souerty for thair entrie this day and protestet to be fred; and the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanit thame and William Crawfurd, ane vther of the meilmen of the said toun, to enter thair persounis in waird, thair to remayne vpoun thair awin expenssis ay and quhill thai become actit and Meilmen of Leyth in waird.

Meilmen of Leyth in waird.

found sufficient souerty for keping of the act maid be the guid toun this day viij dayes anent the bringing of thair victuall to frie merketis.

27 *July* 1580.

Toun anseingyie lent to Pettincreif, Smyth, souerty.

[The provost, bailies, and council] hes consentit and ordanit that Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, sall len and deliuer, in name of the guid town, ane of the townis anseingyeis to James Wemys of Pittincreif for owtsetting of the play to be maid at Dunfermeling; and Hary Smyth, merchant, is become souerty to rander and deliuer the same agane to the said thesaurer, als haill, guid, and sufficient as the same is presentlie at the lenning thairof.

5 *August* 1580.

Statute anent dyvouris or bairmen.

Willing to tak sum guid ordour and to establis ane law to be obseruit in all tyme cuming anent sic persounis as sall happin to be wairdet uithin the tolbuith of this burgh for dett and hes na gudis nor money quhairby thai may be sustenit, to the effect thai be nocht constraynet to perische for hunger and neid throw the vncheritabill myndes and wilfull malice of thair creditouris, and on the vther pairt that thai, vnder howpe to escaip the paynes of imprisonment without sum note of infamy dew vnto thame, tak na occasioun thairby to defraude thair creditouris, hes thocht expedient, statute and ordainit, and be thir presentis for ane perpetuall law to be obseruit in all tymes heirafter, concludes, votes, and decernis that the saidis persounis, imprysonit as said is, after lawfull citatioun and calling of thair creditouris and thai nocht comperand, or yitt comperand and schawand na resonabill caus in the contrair heirof, sall judiciallie in ane lawfull cowrt and in maist solenn maner and oppin awdience gif thair ayth of bairman, and mak fayth that thai haif na maner of guidis, landis, money, rowmes, tak stedingis, kyndnes, nor any vther maner of way to sustene thame selffis or to satiffie thair creditouris in haill nor in pairt, nor may haif in borrowing vpoun any maner of credite be thameselffis, thair freindis, and kinsmen, or yitt set souerty for payment of thair dett, and thairfore presentlie makes thair saidis creditouris thair aires or successouris, thair lawfull and irreuocabill cessioneris, and assignayes to all thair saidis

guidis or dettis present and to cum quhaireuir the sam may be apprehendit, ay and quhill thair creditouris be fullie satisfeit that thai nather haif wilfullie or fraudfullie abstractet or disponet, nor yitt sall heirafter abstract or dispone the guidis foresaidis acquyret or to be acquyret be thame, bot sall trewlie and thankfullie deliuer the same to thair creditouris for payment of thair just dett, saiffand thair lawfull and resonabill sustentatioun of the same in meitt and clething conform to the lawes of this realm, and quhen thai may find cawtioun or souerty, sall offer and fynd the samyn for satisfactioun of thair creditouris, and all vther thingis to do and fulfill quhilk of the lawes, practik, and institutiounis of this realme thai aweht to do in the premissis; and thairafter the saidis persounis to be brocht to the mercat croce of this burgh, quhair the caussis of thair bypast impryson-ment and of thair ayth gevin in maner foresaid being notefeit and schawin to all our Souerane Lordis lieges, thai sall be declairet dyvouris, and in syne thairof thair beltis to be cuttet, and gif euir thai be fund in the lyke estait heirafter to be banest this burgh for euir.

Statute anent dyvouris or bairmen.

12 *August* 1580.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis ane officiar to pas and wairne Jhone Williamesoun, in Leyth, to compeir before thame on Wednisday nixt to her and se him be decernit to haif tynt and forfaltit his burgesschip, liberty, and fredome of this burgh for nocht remaining nor making his residence within this burgh nor bering portabill chairges within the sam this yeir bypast, or ellis to schaw ane resonabill caus in the contrair; with certificatioun to him and he failyie thai will decern him to haif tynt the same in maner foresaid, becaus he wes chairget to this effect of before, and compeirit nocht.

Williamsoun in Leyth.

George Duncane, tailyour, become cawtioun and souerty for Jhonn Wilsoun, customer in Leyth, that he sall nocht wey any kyndes of guidis within the vnfrie toun of Leyth at any tyme heirafter contrair the liberty and fredome of this burgh, vnder the payne of j^{c} merk to be payet to the guid toun swa oft as it sall be fund and tryet that he hes vset any kynd of wechtis within the said toun of Leyth, and siclyke the said

Duncane in Leyth, Watt.

Duncane in Leyth, Watt.

George become souerty for his entrie at the instance of Jhone Watt, customer, as law will.

17 *August* 1580.

Williamsoun, fredome discharget.

Fyndes, declairis, and decernis Jhonn Williamesoun, indweller in Leyth, to haif forfaltit and tynt, lyke as be thir presentis thai decern him to forfalt and tyne his liberty and fredome as burges and gild brother of this burgh in all tyme cuming be quhatsumeuir rycht or title he had or hes bruiket the samyn in any tyme bygane, and ordanis his name to be deleitt and putt furth of the gild buik of the samyn and him to haif na liberty nor priuelege within the same heirafter, becaus he hes nocht remaynet this lang tyme bygane within this burgh and borne na portabill chairges within the same, bot reteiret and drawin him self, houshald, and guidis furth thairof, and dwelt in ane vnfrie toun; and the said Jhone compirand this day judiciallie before thame to ansuer to the premissis, being oft tymes chairget and wairnet thairto of before, and being requyrit to cum and dwell within this burgh and to ber the chairges belanging to ane frie burges within the same betuix and Martymes nixt, refusit to do the samyn and culd schaw na resonabill caus in contrer heirof, quhairfore thai decernit as said is.

24 *August* 1580.

Pryce of wynes.

[Wine to be sold not dearer than "thre s. the pynt of Burdealis."]

Act for clengeing the Grayfreir Wynd.

Becaus it is heavilie lamentit be certane nychtbouris of this burgh that the calsay and hie wynd leiding to the Grayfreir port is fillit vp with the red of euery manis bigging, clengeing of litsteris fattis, dry preveis, deid hors, and vther sic pistiferous filthynes, speciall fornent the buriall, thairfoir ordanis the baillies quarterly throw thair haill quarteris caus the nychtbouris fynd warkmen and seruandis for redding of the said wynd and clengeing thairof, begynnand at William Littill baillies quarter, and sic personnis as sall be fund to haif layet thair red in the said wynd to caus thame to fynd warkmen vpoun thair expenssis for lowsing of the grund quhill the red be taiken away.

26 *August* 1580.

Villa, commoun librarie, precept, the saurer.

[The bailies and council] vnderstanding that vmquhil maister Clement Littill, aduocat, and ane of the commissaries of this burgh, of guid memorie for the zele he buir to the promotioun of the relligioun, weill of this burgh, and help and releif of sic as beiring functioun in the ministrie suld happin to want buikis necessar to thair vocatioun, hes left ane sufficient nummer of guid and godlie buikis to the ministrie of this burgh, and that this his zelous deid may instigat vtheris of the lyke mynd to dote and gif thair buikis to the lyke vse, quhairby it may follow that ane commoun librarie sall be erectit within this burgh to the greitt ineres of pietie and relligioun and suppressing of errouris; quhairfore thai haif accordet be the authoritie of the guid toun to procure and sett fordward this honest and godlie wark with all thair power, and thairfore hes thocht expedient, and ordanit that ane hous or librair be maid at the end of maister James Lowsounis, ministeris studie, of ane pairt of the over loft of his dwelling hous in the kirk yaird, having ane entres throw his study, and ane vther throw the said loft, quhairin sall be putt in keping the saidis buikis dotit and gevin to the said vse, and all vtheris buikis to be dotit and gevin thairto, of the quhilkis the said maister James and sic as sall be principall minister of this burgh for the tyme, sall haif the custody, and be ansuerabill thairfor vpoun inuentour; and ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to caus big and mak the said hous or librarie in lenth according to the breid of the said loft, and in breid of the space of [*blank*] futes or thairby, to rais, heicht, and enlairge the wyndow presentlie nixt to the said study, brod the samyn, and to sylour the said librarie sufficientlie and to furneis all necessaris to the making, bigging, and completing of the sam as sall be thocht expedient and commandit him be William Lyttill, baillie, quhome thai haif maid maister and owersear of the said wark.

31 *August* 1580.

Gift of escheitt of vmquhill Quhyte to his spous.

Gevis, grantis, and disponis to Elizabeth Quhyte, the relict of umquhill Dauid Eister, bonetmaker, for sustening of hir and hir bairnis

Gift of escheitt of vmquhill Quhyte to his spous.

the escheitt of all sowmes, guides, dettis, and vtheris quhatsumeuir quhilkis pertenit to the said vmquhill Dauid, and now fallin and becumin in the tounis handis throw being of the said David execute to the deid for the slawchter of umquhill [*blank*] Grub, sword slipper, with power to hir to intromett thairwith and dispone thairvpoun to the effect foresaid.

Proclamatioun nane resaue wedges as sowldiouris.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh inhibiting and dischairging all burges and fremen thairof to pas and tak or resaue wedges of any maner of persoun in debaitt of thair priuate querrellis and controuerseis, without speciall license of the guid toun, vnder the payne of tynsale of thair fredome for euir.

Protectioun of gudes of certan deceised persounis.

Vnderstanding that the gudes of vmquhill Jaspairt Legat and his spous throw thair deceis, and in defalt of the narrest of thair kin taiking na regard thairof. the sam is left in the handis of the seruandis of thair hous quha hes alraddy putt ane pairt asyde and ar apperand to delapidat and spend the rest, to the greitt hurt and defraude of thair creditouris; for remeid thairof, ordanis William Lytill, baillie, with ane clerk of ouris, to caus inuentour of new the guidis presentlie in the said hous and putt the same in the handis and custody of the officiaris of the quarter, rowpet and apryset to the vtter availl, and the money thairof to be deliuerit to be furthcumand to all pairteis havand entres as law will; and ordanis the said seruandis to be tane and putt in warde separat from vtheris, and diligently examinat vpoun the guidis intrometet with and disponit be thame, and thair to be retenit quhill thai mak restitutioun of the sam.

7 *September* 1580.

Baillies, taverneris, vnlawng.

Ordanis the baillies euery ane in thair quarteris to poynd or waird the taverneris that hes sauld any darrer wyne nor iij s. the pynt, for thair vnlaw of x li., conform to the proclamatioun maid thairvpoun.

Villa. Logane of Coitfeild.

Ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, with all possibill diligence to provyde greitt staynes to be methis and merches betuix the townes

lynkis of Leyth and the landis of Jhone Logane of Coitfeild, that the merches may be placet and renewet as thai wer sett of awld. Vills. Logane of Coitfeild.

9 *September* 1580.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordainis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chairgeing the keparis of the portis that thai suffir nane hors boyes to enter with the scheiffes of cornes taikin be thame furth of the hervest feyldis, and that na staibleris reisett thame thairwith, bvt that the saidis porteris and staibleris present the saidis persounis to the maiestratis, vnder payne of tynsale of thair fredomes and offices. Proclamatione, hors boyes, cornes scheiffes.

14 *September* 1580.

Ordanis Jhonn Purdy, ane of the fermoreris of the pasturage of the commoun mure of this burgh, to gif diligentt attendance and mak all possibill impediment to Mungo Russell and his seruandis in casting of any faill or duffett on the said mwure and flaying of the same for seruing of his feld landis, and, gif he fynd any of his said seruandis indoing thairof, to atteiche, arreist, and apprehend, and bring thame to this burgh, makand and creating the said Jhone thair officiar and seruand in that pairt. Purdy, Russell, flaying of the mwure.

28 *September* 1580.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be Jhonn Gibsoun and Robert Lekpreuik, buikbinders, burgesses of this burgh, bering in effect that Robert Wodhous, Inglisman, being ane forane straynger and vnfrieman, has this lang tym bygane vsurpitt vpoun him the priuelege of ane frie burges be selling and bynding of all kynd of buiks within the fredome of this burgh, to the greitt hurt and preiudice of the saidis compleners quha ar burgessis and friemen, quha stents, watches and wairdes, and beris all other portabill chairges with the nychtbouris of this burgh, quhilk thai ar nocht abill to do heiraftir gif the said Robert be sufferit to continew in the said tred, and thairfor desyring him to be dischairget of the saymn,—the said Robert Wodhous and Jhone Gibsoun, comperand personally, thair ressonis and alligatiouns hard and considerit, the saidis Gibsoun, Lekpreuik, Wodhous.

Gibsoun, Lekpreuik, Wodhous.

prouest, baillies, and counsale dischairges the said Robert Wodhous frome binding of any kynd of buikis within the fredome of this burgh fra the xiiij day of October nixt, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the saidis buikis quhaireuer thai may be apprehendet.

30 *September* 1580.

Anent the clengeris of the pest in Sanct Colmes Inche.

Forsamekill as it is havely mermerit that, at the airnist requeist of dyueris nychtbouris of this burgh and of Leyth quha had thair kin and freyndis infectet with the pest lyand in Sanct Colmes Insche in poynt of tynsale for falt of sum persounis to awaitt vpoun thame and to beir the office of clengeris, thair wes sindry sendin to the said iland to that effect, and now the persounis being deceissit to quhome thai wer sent, thair saidis freyndis refuissis to beir the chairges of the saidis clengeris quhill thai may gett liberty, thairfore ordanis the saidis persounis at quhais requeist the saidis clengeris enterit in the said ile to be chairget and compellit to beir the cost and chairges of the said clengeris during thair remaining in the said ile, vpoun compt, rekning, and contributioun to be maid in the schip callit the William quhuirin the said pest was brocht frome Danskin, and guidis being thairin presently lyand at the said iland according to ilk manis pairt quha is or wes infectit of the said seiknes, to quhome the saidis clengeris hes maid or makis any seruice; and ordanis the baillies of this burgh with maister William Balfour, ane of the baillies of Leyth, to se that the saidis clengeris bayth foull and clene be sufficiently sustenit, and that this ordinance be putt to executioun in all poyntis.

3 *October* 1580.

Pest, merchantis of the flie boitt and thair guidis.

[The provost, bailies, and council] for avoyding of all suspitioun of pest and vther inconvientis that may fall thairthrow anent the merchantis of the fley boitt quhilk ar cum frome Danskyne, ane place infectit with the said pest, ordanis the saidis merchantis to be sikkerlie actit, bound, and oblist that na maner of skayth sall cum be thame nor thair guidis before thai be sufferit to resort amangis the Kingis lieges, vnder na les payne nor the tynsale of thair lyffes, landis, and guidis; and siclyke anent the thre sey kistis and remanent baggage and claythis being in the said schip per-

tening to Jhone Peblis, Alexander Young, and Alexander Bawty, quhilk thai transportet furth of the schip callit the William and now defylet with the said pest, gif the saidis merchantis will resaue thair said kistis, baggage, and claythis, ordanis thame to ressaue the samyn at the new heavin, and ayther remayne thairwith be the space of fyftein dayes handling and wering the same, or ellis to send the samyn to the clene clengeris in Sanct Colmes Inche, and gif thai will nocht be content heirwith, ordanis the saidis guidis and kistis to be brynt and destroyet.

Pest, merchantis of the the boitt and thair guidis.

The saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale vnderstanding that James Henry and the rest of his company quha come furth of the schip callit the William at [*blank*], and cuming to this burgh wes chairget to keip thair lugeing, and that na persounis suld repair to thame, hes be thair word speking iniuret William Littill, baillie, calling him ane tyrand, vsing tyranny and cruelty ower thame, quhairas the said baillie did nathing bvt his office and be command of the prouest, baillies, and counsale; thairfore ordanis the saidis persounis to remayne and keip thair lugeing and nocht to resort furth thairof ay and quhill thai obtene licence to cum before the provest, baillies, and counsale, acknawlege thair offence, asking God and the said baillie forgifnes, and saying thai haif leyet of him, and this vnder the payne of deyth.

Henry colleges incloset, and iniuring the baillie.

Becaus the schip callit the Bark Wynden quhairof Robert Luking is maister, is come frome Birges in Flanderis ane toun greitly infectit with the pest, having in hir thrie wemen greitt with chyld, and certane sowldiouris, ordanis the said wemen and sowldiouris to be cawsit repair to the new heavin with thair haill baggage, to remayne at the townis plesour, handling, vsing, and wering thair said baggage in presens of ane baillie, the schip and company to pas to the heavin of Inuerkeithing thair to remayne at the townis plesour, or vtherwayes to remayne on the seyes. As to the vther passangeris and merchantis, thai to haif the priuelege grantet to the saidis sowldiouris or to remayne with the schip at thair optioun, and that euery ane of the said wemen, sowldiouris, and passingeris fynd responsale souerty to keip all our Souerane Lordis lieges skaythles of any infectioun to cum be thame or thair guidis, vnder the

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Anent the Bark Winden, and persounis thairin suspect of pest.

payne of j^c li. and for thair remanyng in the said new heavin during the space foresaid, and the skipper to fynd the lyke cautioun vnder the payne of ane thousand li.

5 *October* 1580.

Peblis, Young, Henry colleges putt to liberty.

Ordanis Jhone Peblis, Alexander Young, and James Henry, and the remanent persounis quha wer incloset with thame in thair lugeing vpoun suspitioun as come frome places suspect of the pest, to be relaxet and putt to liberty furth of thair said lugeing, becaus thai haif been incloset for sic tyme as wes sufficient for thair tryell, and ar fund to be clene; and ordanis forther the saidis Jhone Peblis, Alexander Young, and James Henry, for thair iniuring of William Littill the tyme of his office, to pay euery ane of thame ane amand and penalty of thre li. to William Littill [*blank*] to be imployet on mending the calsayes, for thair falt, and to ask the said William forgifenes, and the said William to be chairget with the said sowm.

Chairge Littill in thair vnlawes.

7 *October* 1580.

Precept, gild, lampis, trumpett.

Ordanis Jhonn Harwod, dene of gild, to bye thre greitt lampis for sering the kirk the wynter seasoun with lychtis, and als to bye ane trumpett to the townes vse.

14 *October* 1580.

Pest, Flanderis.

[The provost, bailies, and council] vnderstanding that the contagion and seiknes of the pest is maist vehement in the pairtis of Flanderis, and speciallie in the toun of Mayine, and ane greitt nummer of the Scottis companeis deceissit thairof in the toun, nochttheles certane of thame in lyffe intendis to transport thame selffis and thair guidis to this countrey, and has alreddy brocht thair wyffes, cofferis, and guidis furth of the said toun of Maine to the Campheir to that effect, of the quhilk greitt inconvenientis may aryse to this realm, gif remeid be nocht provydet thairto; thairfore ordanis letters to be direct to maister George Hakket, conseruatour, desyring him to gif attendence thairto and to take sic ordour that the saidis persounis and thair guidis may be stayet, and to certifie all of our natioun that nane of thame cumand fra the said toun or furth of the said town, or frome any suspect place, presume to draw thame selffis

hameward, quhilk gif thai do bayth thai and the schipis and guidis will be debarret frome landing, and vtherwayes intreatet as persounis infectit with that seiknes, with all rigour; and to this effect ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw the peir and schore of Leyth, prohibiting the schipis quhilkis ar to pas in Flanderis to ressaitt the saidis men of weir, thair wyffes, cofferis, or guidis, to transport the same to this realme, and sielyke that the merchantis, skipperis, nor thair companeis resort to any suspect place, with certificatioun that at thair returne, knawlege being had thairof, thai sall be intreattet in maner foresaid. Pest, Flanderis.

Forsamekill as dyueris nychtbouris of this burgh hes in tymes past of verray malice and euill mynd, causet stay the warkis of sic as wer biggand and repairand thair landis, and makand policy vnder collour as gif hurt wer done to thame thairby, and yitt hes nocht followit furth the same bot cawsit thair nychtbouris wark to lye idill, to thair greitt hurt and skayth; for remeid thairof, as als for staying of the manyfauld complayntis arrysing at every bigging of landis, and for correctioun of sic as passis the boundis of guid nychtbourheid, statutes and ordains that at the visitatioun of the saidis nychtbourheidis the pairty that sall be fund in the wrang, quhidder it be he that causit the nychtbourheid to stay, or that is in bigging and passis his auin boundis, or dois hurt to his nychtbour, sall pay to the dene of gild ane vnlaw of xviij s. but favouris; and ordanis the denes of gild present and to cum to se that the saidis vnlawes be vpliftet, and thai to be chairget thairwith in thair comptis be the nychtbourheid buik, and gif the said denes of gild be negligent in vplifting thairof, ordanis thame to be alwayes chairget thairwith as gif thai had resauet the same; and for better vplifting and ingaddering of the saidis vnlawes, ordanis na wark to be stayet quhill the sowme be consignit in the dene of gild or his officiaris hand be the pairty complenand, and gif the vther pairty be fund in the wrang the sam to be tane of him at the visitatioun befor the saidis provest, baillies, dene of gild, and counsale sall pas of the grund. Statute nychtbourheid, vnlawes, chairge, gild.

Comperit Williame Littill, burges of this burgh, brother and onlie executour constitut be vmquhill and rycht honorabill maister Clement Littill, Villa, new librare, Littill.

Villa, new library, Littill.

adwocat, and ane of the commissaris thairof, and declaret quhow that his said vmquhill brother vpoun the day of his deceis, being of perfyte mind and considdering with himselff that he wes to be callit frome this lyff to the mercies off God, and be the luiffing effectioun and gret zeal borne be him to the kirk off God and to the advancement off His Word, wes justlie mouit and maist cairfull that the buikis and workis off Halie Scripturis in gret nummer conquiest be him in his tyme suld nocht perische or be separatet, left with ane luiffing hart and mynd his haill buikis and warkis of theologie to the rycht honorabill and his native town off Edinburgh, and to the kirk of God thairin, to the effect and purpois that sic personis knawin off honest conversatioun and guid lyff (and na utheris) quhilkis ar and salbe willing to trauell and be exercesit in the seruice and vocatioun off ministrie or wtherwayis of dewetie desyrous, and in especiall to sic personis as ar or salbe of bluide to the said vmquhill maister Clement, for the aduancement to the glorie off God and His trew and sinceir wordis prechit and presentlie professit within the realme off Scotland, sall, at the plesoure and will onlie off maister James Lousoun, now present minister off the said burgh, or quhatsumeuir wther minister that sall happin to haue the chairge of the ministre and off the saidis buik efter him, and in his place for the tyme, haue fre acces and ingres at all sic convenient tymes heirefter as the said minister present or to cum sall think guid and expedient and na utherwayes, for reding and collecting the frutefull knawledge be the said buikis as it sall pleis God to distribut his graces to the reidaris, and ernestlie desyret his said brother for the performance heirof and delyuerence off the saidis buikis; conforme to the quhilk latter will the said William Littill committet the delyuerence thairof, and has presentlie delyueret to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh the saidis buikis haill together intituled according to the particular catholog following, and as euerie ane off thame hes prented the armes off the said vmquhill maister Clement with thir wordis, I am givin to Edinburgh and kirk of God be maister Clement Littill thair to remaine. Sequitur cathologis. [Here follows a list of volumes.]

The quhilkis buikis the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall hes presentlie resauit fra the said Williame, and promitted faythfullie and

oblesis thame and thair successouris, provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Edenburgh for the tyme, to the airis of the said vmquhill maister Clement, for the cairfull and faythfull obseruing and keping of euery ane of thame, and that at na tyme heirefter ony of the saidis buikis to be distributed, gevin, putt away, or [*blank*], aither be credit or vtherwayes, furth of the duelling hous of the said maister James Lowsoun as place appoynted for thame to remane, nor that nane of the saidis buikis sall be nawayis lentt furth of the said hous quhair they ar presentlie put in keping bot vpoun the conditioun contenit in the act of the delyuerance of thame to the said maister James Lousoun be the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall, and thatt compte quarterlie sall be tane of the saidis buikis as efferis, sua thatt they may and sall remane together in the said place appoynted thairto to the effect foirsaid, and in perpetuall memorie of the guid affectioned mynde of the said vmquhill maister Clement, to the singular confort of the kirk of God and to all his faythfull seruandis, vpoun the quhilkis promissis the said William askit instrumentis. And thairefter the said day in presens of the foirsaidis provest, baillies, and counsall, comperit maister James Lowsoun, minister, and granted him to have receaved reallie and with effect the particular buikis aboue written as is contenit in the cathollog fra Williame Littill in name of the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall, and to have presentlie put ordour and layit the saymn in the hous and librar maid and appoynted to that effect, and thairfoir actit, band, obleist himself, for releife of the tovne and discharging of his deutie committed vnto him, to preserue and keip the saidis buikis diligentlie and faythfullie vnlent, vndisponit, or putt away to any maner of persoun according as the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall hes bund and obleist thameselues to the airis of the said vmquhill maister Clement, and to be ansuerabill for the saidis buikis, and mak the samyn furth cumand to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall sua oft as he salbe requyrit thairto.

Villa, new librare, Littill.

20 *October* 1580.

Ordanis James Nicoll, baillie [and three others], to pas and visy the calsay on the eist syde of the burrow loch quhilk is alleget to be apperand

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to decay throw haldin in of the said loch this wynter, and to report the estaitt thairof to the counsale the nixt counsale day.

25 *October* 1580.

Proclamatioun, officiaris.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chargeing all persounis that hes any complaynt to mak on the officiaris, to compeir before thame the morn at afternone, and gif in thair complaynt, with certificatioun thai sall nocht be hard heirafter; and sic as ar willing to beir the office of seriandis, quha can reid and writtis, to gif in thair billis the said tyme, and thai sall be hard.

Pryces of aill, breid, talloun, candill, stray, stabill fare.

[Ordained that no higher prices than the following be charged:—ale, 6d. the pint; 16-ounce loaf, 6d.; tallow, 18s. the stone; candle, 1s. 4d. the pound; best oats, 2s. the peck; secondary, 1s. 8d.; straw and stable fare, 8d. for every 24 hours.]

28 *October* 1580.

Lamb in Leyth discharget from melting talloun, etc.

Thomas Lamb, candilmaker in Leyth, being callit and accuset for moltein of talloun in the vnfrie toun of Leyth and selling and topping of cramery waires, and of cheis, hem, butter and siclyke, thai dischairge him of all making and melteing of talloun within the said toun, and of topping and selling of the saidis waires heirafter vnder the payne of escheting thairof sua oft as the sam sall be apprehendit, and dischairges him of all dwelling and remayning within the said toun fra Mairtymes nixt furth, ordaning him ather to repair to this burgh or to leif the said toun of Leyth, under the payne of pvnischeing him in his body and guidis at thair plesouris.

Proclamatioun, bybillis.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh commanding all nichtbouris, of this burgh, substantious houshalderis, to haif ane bybill in thair houssis vnder the paynes contenit in the actes of parliament maid thairanent, and aduertesing thame that the saidis bybillis ar to be sawld in the merchant buith of Andro Williamsoun on the north syde of this burgh, besyde the meill mercat.

Ordanis Androw Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to delyuer to Margaret Boyde, the spous of Munster M'Linte, the sowm of fourty s. and sche oblist to depairt furth of this toun and nocht to be fund within the sam nor suburbis thairof, Canongaitt or Leyth, fra Mononday nixt, vnder the payne of scurgeing and byrning hir on the cheik. Precept, thesaurer, Boyd banist.

2 *November* 1580.

[The provost, bailies, and council] for keping of better ordour in tyme cuming anent the nycht watche of this burgh, fyndes that the baillies in thair quarteris sall nychtlie sett the watche thame selfis, and place ane sufficient man of the nummer that mychtis watche to attend on the rest and se that thai do thair dewteis as sall be prescryuet be the baillies, and als that the saidis baillies resaue na maner of persoun on the nycht watche to walk for ane vther, bot sufficient habill men with sufficient airmour, and fynally caus vnlaw the absentis, but fauouris. Baillies, watche.

Ordanis Androw Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to caus mak sufficient thorter barris of irne, and infix thame in the window of the mid hous of the javelouris hous for strenthening of the said wyndow. Precept, thesaurer, javellouris hous.

4 *November* 1580.

It is ordanit that the baillies in thair quarteris caus poynd all the taverneris of this burgh quha hes nocht onelie sawld the Rochell wynes and siclyke small wynes of the pryce of Burdeaulis wynes, bot hes alswa mixet the Burdeawlis wynes thairwith, dissaving thairby the Kingis lieges, and this for the payne and vnlaw of ten pund for times bygane, and to discharge thame of that tred in tyme cuming, vnder the paynes of xx li. Taverneris, Rochell wynes.

Becaus dyueris avericious persounis haldis ma tavernes and buithis than ane, contrair all guid ciuile ordour, and to the hurt of the rest of thair nichtbouris, thairfore discharges all sic burgessis and gild brether of this burgh to hald or haif any ma tavernes and buithis than ane allanerlie Many buythis and tavernes in anes handis dischairgeit.

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in tyme cuming, vnder the payne of xx li. for the first falt, and the nixt xl li.; and the thrid the tynsale of thair fredome.

9 *November* 1580.

Hous on the toun wall, Cok.

[The provost, bailies, and council] vnderstanding that Thomas Cok hes had this lang tyme bygane the townes hous on the town wall at the fute of Halkerstounis Wynd for ane small dewty, and that the sam wes induring thair willis allanerly, conforme to the act in the counsale buik grantet to him thairvpon, of the daite the xxiiij of Januar 1564, quhilk hes bene hurtfull to the common guid; thairfore thai dischairge the said Thomas, being present, of all forther melling thairwith, and ordanis thair thesaurer to intromett with the mailles thairof, and that the sam be rowpett in the Mairtymes evin, to be sett to sic as sall bid maist thairfore: and this thai declair for thair willis thairanent.

Clairge, thesaurer.

Peblis, kist to Peblis.

Grantis and gevis licence to Jhone Peblis, merchant, to cary and transport to the toun of Peblis his merchant kist with the guidis and clething thairin, vpoun cawtioun that he sall remayne with his said guidis and kist handling the sam be himself allanerly and keping the hous thairwith during the townis will, vnder the payne of v li., and he himself to be oblist vnder the payne of lyfe, land, and guidis, that na infectioun, damnage, or skayth sall cum thairthrow to any of our Souerane Lordis liegis, with prouissioun that the said Jhone suld report ane testimoniall of the placeing and resaving of the said kist in the said town of Peblis before the key be delyuerit to him; and James Niclis become souertie for the said Johne vnder the payne foirsaid, and the said Jhone to releif him.

Stewart, Aitkyn, souerteis anent the act of wemen taverneris.

Comperit William Stewart, younger, writter, and actit himself as cawtioner and souerty for Margaret Aitkyne his mother, and Katherein Stewart his syster, that thai sall nocht violatt nor brek in tyme cuming the law and statute of this burgh maid anent wemen taverneris, vnder the payne of xl li. to be payet to the guid town swa oft as thai sall do the same; and the said Margaret and Katherein oblist thame selffis to releif the said William heirof.

11 *November* 1580.

[The provost, bailies, and council] for better executioun of the laitt act of Parliament maid anent the having of bybles and psalmes buikis, ordanis the haill nychtbouris of this burgh to [be] callit in before the baillies be thair quarteris, for nocht keping of the said act, to be adiugeit in the vnlaw thairin contenit; and for eschewing of all fraude ordanis sic as sall bring thair bybilles and psalm buikis to hafe thair names writtin and subscryuet be the clerk, and thairafter the buikis delyuerit to thame. For calling anent the bybles, etc.

Becaus that the inhabiteris of the foirlandis and foirbuythis of this burgh maist filthely castes furth and tomes thair closettis and pottis on the hie gaitt and heidis of the vinellis, doing thair ease at the said close heidis as is maist vncomely to be sene; thairfore ordanis proclamatioun to be maid dischairgeing thame thairof in tyme cuming, vnder the payne of x li. swa oft as thai failye. Proclamatioun anent the filth of the foirlandis.

16 *November* 1580.

For staying of tumultis and cummeris that may aryse betuix the greitt pairteis now leuing within this burgh, and for obedience of the Kingis Grace wrytting, ordanis twa crosegairdis to be sett betuix the trone and croce in the awld places, the nychtbouris to be wairnit to keip the sam be thair quarteris in thair armour, and the baillies to amerciat the absentis but favour. Crocegairdis.

Names and constitutes Androw Slater and Thomas Aikinheid, maisteris of the hospitall, and ilk ane of thame coniunctly and seuerally thair procuratouris fiscalles, and collectouris for the puir in that pairt, to call and persew all persounis that hes incurret the payne of the actis of parliament for nocht haveing ane bybill and psalme buik within yeir and day, conforme to the said act, with power to vplift the said paynes. Collectouris of the paynes for nocht having bybilles,—chairge, maisteris of hospitall.

30 *November* 1580.

Precept, Steuinsoun in absence of the thesaurer, propyne to Hay, clerk of register.

[The provost, bailies, and council] calling to mynd the singular guid will, favour, and fortherance schawin to the guid toun at all tymes requisite be the rycht honourabill Alexander Hay, clerk of register, bayth in thair caussis before the secreitt counsale, and lordis of sessioun, quhairin his lordship hes bene als weill ane aduertisen as ane counsallour, and wald resaue na syluer dew vnto his lordship be rycht of his office; for the quhilkis it is nocht thair dewty to be vnthankfull, and thairfoir willing to leif with his lordship ane remembrance of thair guid will, and to gif him and all vtheris the better occasioun to favour the guid town and thair guid caussis, hes ordanit ane propyne to be maid and delyuerit vnto the said clerk of register, of twa syluer peces with thair coveris of the townes fynnes, and to wey sextein vnce ilk pece, and thairefter his lordshipis names to be ingravet in the same, and thai to be maid of the best and maist comely fassioun at the devyse of Alexander Vddert, baillie, and Edward Galbrayth, as thai can agre in devyse with ane goldsmyth thairanent, to quhom is committit the cuir and fortherance of the making of the said propyne, and ordanis Androw Steuinsoun, thesaurer of the yeir past, now in absence of Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer of this present yeir, to caus furneis the syluer for making of the saidis peces and to satisfie and pay the makeris thairof, quhilk being done the same sall be refoundet and bak payet agane to the said Androw be the said Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, of the townis chairges and expenssis.

2 *December* 1580.

Precept, thesaurer, Hayes propyne.

The foresaidis provest, baillies, and counsale fyndes guid that the act and ordinance maid anent the propyne to Alexander Hay, clerk of register, be reformet in this maner, that the twa peces haif na coveris, and wey ilk ane of thame fyftein vnce, and be pairtiall owergilt, and ordanis Androw Steuinsoun nocht onely to furneis and avance the syluer thairof bot als to caus mak caissis thairto.

Nicht watche.

Ordanis ane nichtly watche to be keipit within this burgh of xxv

persounis, habill men, and weill airmet, and na boyes or lades to be resauet thairin, the watche to begyn afore ix houris at evin and to continew quhill [*blank*] houris in the morning, the baillies to sett the watche nichtly be thair quarteris, and deput ane officiar with twa of the maist honest of the watche to se the sam be trewly keipit, that nane depairt bot keip the ordour preseryuet vnto thame; and sic persounis as sall be absent or sendis ane insufficient man, to be vnlawet for the payne and vnlaw of vj s. viij d. swa oft as thai failye; and fynallie fyndes that ilk fremanis wyfe in absence of thair husbandis and ilk wedow be haldin to furneis ane habill and weill airmet man, as it sall thame be cours to watche vnder the said vnlaw and payne. Nicht watche.

6 *December* 1580.

Ordanis William and George Kerris, sones to my Lord of Newbottell, presentlie in waird for the troublance committit on Mononday last betuix thame and William Fowler, to be putt to liberty for obedience of the Kingis Grace lettre commanding the sam to be done; and James Adamesoun, merchant, is become souerty for thair entrie quhen the town sall chairge, and that thai sall nocht trubill nor molest the said William within the fredome and jurisdictioun of this burgh, vnder the payne of j^{m} li., and als to enter thame as law will at the said Williams instance; and the saidis persounis renunceand, oblis thame to releif thair said souerty. Kerris to liberty, Adamsoun, souerty.

7 *December* 1580.

Vnderstanding that Michaell Sammell and Frances Bischop, burges of this burgh, hes induret sufficient tryellis vpoun the sey in Inche Keyth, and the new heavin, and last in thair houssis within this burgh, for thair purgatioun of the pest, ordanis thame to be putt to liberty vpoun cawtioun that na infectioun or skayth sall cum be thame nor thair guidis, vnder the payne of v^{c} merkis ilk persoun. Sammell, Bischop to liberty, pest.

Alexander Vddert, baillie, exhibit and produceit the copy of the pece betuix Charles the Fyft, Emperour and King of Spayne, and our Treaty of Peace.

Treaty of Peace.

Souerane Lordis darrest mother, vnder the subscriptioun of Alexander Hay, clerk of register, quhilk the saidis baillies and counsale ordanit to [be] copeit, insert, and registratt in thair counsale buik *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, and that the sam may be in reddynes quhen thai sall haif ado thairwith, and the said copy to be putt vp in thair chairterhous; off the quhilk lettre the tenour followes. [Here follows the Treaty of Peace referred to.] [1]

14 *December* 1580.

Precept, Steuinsoun, maister of the sang schole.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay to "Androw Buchane, maister of the sang schole, the sowm of twenty merkis for his fie and schole maill of the Mairtymes terme last bypast."]

16 *December* 1580.

Breid.

[Ordained the 6d. loaf weigh 12½ ounces.]

Precept, thesaurer, standing of the mylnes.

[Ordained the treasurer allow the farmers of the mills of the past year "fourty merkis for the standing of the mylnes in the townes defalt."]

28 *December* 1580.

Hie schole, bairnis souerteis.

The persounis vnderwrittin become souerteis respectiue for the scholeris following quha was put in waird for hadding of the hie schoill, that thai and everie ane of thame sall pay to the toun the sowme of fourtie schillingis in racumpans of the skayth done in braking of ane of the durris of the said schoill at thair taking, and of sext pound [*blank*] schillingis les quhilk Dauid Arthoune, scholar, wantit furth of his kyst in the said schoill and scrubbin vp be thame, viz. [here follow the names of the sureties for the several "bairnis,"] and thairfore the saidis scholeris wes ordanit to be put to liberty, and for obedience of the Kingis Grace command gevin heirto, and ordanit Johne Sym, baillie, to collect the saidis sowmes and to be chairget thairwith.

Chairge, Sym, baillie.

[1] An abstract of the Treaty is given in the printed Records of the Convention of the Royal Burghs of Scotland, vol. II. p. 568.

4 *January* 1580-81.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Steuinsoun, thesaurer of the yeir past, to pay to Edward Hairt, goldsmyth, the sowm of ten pund in recompance of the skayth sustenit be him at the making of the sylver cupburde to the Kingis Grace entrie, throw ouersicht of the weying, rysing of the money, and for his diligent seruice, conforme to ane precept maid heiranent vpoun the xvij day of September last, quhilk precept thai ordane to be deleitt in respect of this present act. Precept, Steuinsoun, Hairt.

Statutes and ordanis that in all tyme the formeris and makeris of the thesaureris comptis of this burgh be mair speciall in the declaratioun of the particulare caussis of all sowmes of money als weill resauet and contenit in thair chairges as deburset and contenit in thair dischairges, bayth ordiner and extraordiner, speciallie that it be declarit in the dischairge ordiner quhilk hes bene omittit in tymes bygane that the burrow mailles of this burgh appertening to the Kingis Grace, extending to the sowm of xxxiiij li. xiij s. iiij d. is deburset and payet as followes:—to the prebendares of Corstorphein, xx li.; to the Abbot and place of Dumfermling, fyve li.; to the freires predicatouris of this burgh, and now to the townes collectouris, vj li. xiij s. iiij d.; and to the Kingis Grace chakker iij li. Statute, compte, payment of the burrow mailles.

7 *January* 1580-81.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Jhonn Harwod, dene of gild, to caus pauiment the new kirk in the eist end of the hie kirk with pauiment stayne sufficientlie in all pairtis quhair it sall be fund necessar, with the avyse of the maist expert, and to agre with the warkmen the best cheip he can, and to enter thairto with diligence. Precept, gild, new kirk pauimenting.

11 *January* 1580-81.

Ordanis Alexander Vddert, baillie, William Littill, and Henry Nesbet to visie the compt of the extent for the Kingis Grace entrie, and se quhat tymmer wes bocht, quhair the sam is employet, and swa far as may be Tymmer bocht at the Kingis Grace entrie, Harwod, gild.

Tymmer bocht at the Kingis Grace entrie, Harwod, gild.

fund to mak inuentour thairof, and the sam swa far as is haill and extant may be delyuerit to Jhonn Harwod, dene of gild, for to be saittis and vther tymmer wark in the new kirk.

18 *January* 1580-81.

Rex. For vplifting 1c men of weir to convoy the Lord Mortoun to Dumbartane; and of 1c men to attend on the Kingis Grace persoun.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] being convenit in the counsalehous of this burgh, comperit maister George Young [*blank*] exhibit and producet the Kingis Grace lettre quhairof the tenour followes:—Rex. Prowest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. Forsamekill as James, Erle of Mortoun, dilatit vnto ws of certane crymes of tressoun and lese maiestie is be our directioun to be transportet presentlie furth of our castell of Edinburgh to our castell and strenth of Dumbartane, thair to remayne till he be maid ather innocent or giltie of the cryme; for quhais sure and substantious convoy, requisit it is that ane number of hacbutteris be raisit and directet to attend vpoun him all the way: thairfore it is our will, and we, with avyse of our counsale, command and chairge yow that ye incontinent efter the sicht heirof, in our name and authoritie raise ane hundreth hakbutteris of the abillest and best skillit within your towne, commanding thame to be in reddynes within ane hour after the chairge to attend vpoun the said erles furthcuming furth of our said castell, and to convoy him all the way towardis our said vther castell of Dumbartane till he be randerit and resauit thairin, as thai will ansuer to ws vpoun thair obedience at thair vttermaist chairge and parrell, and sielyke that ye incontinent thairafter rais and direct ane vther hundreth hacbutteris of your nomber daylie and nichtlie to attend in our persoun heir in our Abbay of Halyruidhous and about the same, in sic places as we sall find conuenient to appoint thame, the entery to thair nichtlie watche to be at four houres afternone, to the end that induring his convoye our persoun be nocht disappointit of ane suir and substantious gaird for the preseruatioun and assurance thairof, and in the meane tyme that ye tak sic ordour with your toun that nane of the portes thairof be opynnit, induring the absence of your pepill, except the West Port and Nether Bow allanerlie, and the same sa suirlie and substantiouslie gairdit and attendit, vpoun day and nicht, with sic nomber, and in sic force, as ye

will ansuer to ws vpoun the keping thairof at your vttermaist chairge and perrell, quhairof the present sall be to yow a sufficient warrand. Subscryuet with our hand at Halyruidhous, the xviij day of Januar 1580. James R., Argyle, Glencairnie. Quhilk lettre being red and considerit, the saidis prouest, baillies, counsale, and deikynis maist willinglie and frelie consentit and agreit thairinto in all poyntis, ordaning ane band and company of ane hundreth men of weir to be raisit vpoun the townes chairges, for convoying of the said erle toward the said Castell of Dumbartane, and electit capitane Hew Lawder, burges of this burgh, to be thair capitane, and ordanit Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, to deburs and pay to the said company the sowm of twa hundreth pundis for thair wedges; and Androw Steuinson, merchant, wes content and consentit to len and avance to the said thesaurer of his awin money the said sowm of ij^{c} li., for the quhilk the said thesaurer oblist himself to refound to the said Androw the samyn at Candilmes nixt, of the redeiest of the said termes payment to be vpliftet be him of the commoun guid, quhilk being payet the samyn sall be allowet to the said thesaurer in his comptis: and forther the said prouest, baillies, counsale, and deikinis ordanit ane gaird and watche to be maid of ane hundreth men of the nichtbouris all hacbutteris to be wairnit to pas to the Abbay, or quhair the Kingis Grace sall appoynt, to attend on his Grace persoun during the space abouewrittin, begynnand the said watche at the North West quarter, and swa throw the haill toun thair tymes about, and the baillies in thair quarteris to [see] the same dewlie and ordourlie done and kepit for preseruatioun of our Souerane Lordis persoun and honour of the toun, conforme to the said lettre in all poyntis.

Rex. For vplifting 1^{c} men of weir to convoy the Lord; Montoun to Dumbartane and of 1^{c} men to attend on the Kingis Grace persoun.

20 *January* 1580-81.

Vnderstanding that the kirk annuellis of this burgh is nocht sufficient to owtred and pay the ministeris stipendis, they ordane and requeistis Jhonn Harwod, dene of gild, Henry Charteris, merchant, and maister Jhonn Kene, writter, ane of the eldares of the kirk, to travell with the lordis of sessioun, aduocatis, and writteris to the signet, for obtening and getting of sic sowmes of money at thair handes as of beneuolence and

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guid will thai can be mowit to bestow and deburse for releif of the town of the saidis stipendis, and the sowmes vpliftit to delyuer to Jhone Jhonestoun, collector.

25 *January* 1580-81.

Precept, thesaurer, tymmer wark of the new kirk.

Ordanis Jhonn Harwod, dene of gild, to enter to the tymmer wark of the new kirk, in the eist end of the hie kirk of this burgh, and provyde all sortes of tymmer requisit thairinto, with the tymmer quhilk restit ower and wes bocht to the Kingis Grace entry, and thairafter to begyn to the said wark and caus the same be perfytet and maid in daskis, saittis, and vther siclyke as he can best devyse with the avyse and counsale of Henry Nesbet, William Littill, Robert Bog, and Androw Sclater, quhais jugement and counsale thai ordane him to tak in the said wark.

Comptis of Hew Lauder anent the men of weir to Dumbartane.

Appoyntis and nominatis [six] of the counsale, or any [*blank*] of thame, to heir the comptis of capitane Hew Lauder anent the sowmes delyuerit to him for furnesing of the men of weir to pas to Dumbartane, and to allow thairin thre pund to ilk sowldiour, comptand thairin the sowm of xl s. delyuerit to ilk ane of thame at thair depairting, and quhat they fynd thairin to report the samyn to the counsale.

27 *January* 1580-81.

Customer, porteris.

After consideratioun of the complaynt maid be Robert Gourlaw, customer to the Kingis Grace within this burgh, aganes the porteris of the said burgh, allegeand that in dawning and downfalling of the nicht thai suffer all forbiddin guidis and vncustomat to pas furth at the portis, and Inglis clayth and siclyke guidis to enter quyetlie without aduertisement to the said customer, ordanis the saidis porteris in tyme cuming to suffer na pakis to pas furth of this burgh except thai se the samyn customit be the custome stamp, and that thai stay all pakis of Inglis clayth quhill the said customer or his seruandis be aduertist, under the payne of tynsale of thair offices, and this ordinance to be dewlie and lawfullie intimat to the saidis porteris that thai pretend na ignorance thairof.

1 *February* 1580-81.

Gevis and grantis thair full power and commissioun to Jhonn Harwood, dene of gild, [and eleven others of the council] or any sex of thame, to vsie the messouris of this burgh of the pek and furlott, and confer the same with the jadge brocht from Lythgow, and to tak sic ordour heir-anent as thai micht do thame selffis. Anent the messowres of this burgh.

3 *February* 1580-81.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Dauid Schang, wricht, quha is putt in waird for dissaving of the Kingis lieges, causit thame to beleif that he culd tell of thingis tynt, and taking money for the same; thairfore to be had throw the town with ane paper on his heid contening his cryme, convoyet with the hangman, and to be banist the fredome thairof during the townes will. Schang.

Ordanis James Nicoll, ballie, to gif in ane bill to the Kingis Grace and secreitt counsale anent the prisoneris wairdet in the javellour hous, sum for adultrie, sum for incest, quha ar puir and lyke to perische for hunger, desyring sum ordour tane with thame that ather thai be sustenit or law done vpoun thame, or ellis be putt to liberty. Anent certan wairderis.

8 *February* 1580-81.

[The provost, bailies, and council] being convenit in the counsalehous of this burgh, the said prouest, baillies, and counsale ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to James Nicoll, baillie, the sowm of sevin pund, four s., fyve d., debursett be the said James in the townis effaires in raising of lettres of the lordis aganis the vnfremen sailland and sic as careis burne coill furth of the cuntrey, causing the saidis lettres be proclamit be sound of trumpett and executing thairof in Leyth and langis the coist syde, conform to the particulare compt gevin in thairvpoun, and siclyke to pay to him twenty s. quhilk he debursitt to awcht watchemen in the stepill twa nichtis. Precept, thesaurer, Nicoll.

Precept, thesaurer, convoy of the Lord Mortoun to Dumbartane.

Fyndes the compt of the expenssis debursitt be Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, vpoun the men of weir and vtheris chairges anent the convoying of the Erle of Mortoun to Dumbartane at the Kingis Grace command, conforme to ane act maid thairanent of before, to extend to the sowm of thre hundreth twenty foure pund, awcht s , iiij d.

10 *February* 1580-81.

Nicht watche about the Kingis Grace persoun.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] hes accordit and consentit, and als statute and ordanit that ane nichtly watche of threttie persounis, inhabiteris of this burgh, habill and weill airmit with hakbutt and murrioun, be sent to the Abbay for gairding of the Kingis Grace persoun, and raisit throw the haill quarteris of the town as it fallis about, begynnand at the Sowth Eist quarter, and to continew quhill the xx day of this instant quhilk is the tyme of the conventioun of the estaitis appoyntit; and for the better preseruing heirof to the honour of the town, ordanis the baillies to avyse with thair rolles and waill furth the maist habill, honest, and best airmit, and nane vtheris, and sic as ar nocht habill or hes nocht guid airmour, that thai caus thame on thair awin expenssis to furneis ane vther habill and weill airmit persoun in thair place, and that the nichtbouris be foirwairnit in dew tyme to prepair thame selffis heirto as it fallis thair quarteris, and the absentis failyeing in the premissis to be extremelie vnlawet and poyndet but favouris, and in the mene tyme ane vther putt in thair place.

Precept, thesaurer, ministeris stipendis: chairge, collectour; chairge, thesaurer.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale, and deikynis vnderstanding that the haill kirk annuellis and kirk rentis of this burgh is nocht habill to satisfie and pay the ministeris stipendis, and quhairof thair is dyueris termes awand vnto thame, thairfore all in ane voice ordanis Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay and deliuer to Jhonn Johnestoun, collectour, the sowm of sex hundreth markis of the first and reddiest of the townis rentis and commoun guid, for payment of the saidis stipendis, and the sam sall be allowet to the said thesaurer in his comptis, and ordanis the said Jhone Johnestoun to be chairget with the said sowme in his collectour

guidlie spair any sowmes, to be enrollit and chairgeit to deburs the same comptis; and becaus the said sowme and dyueris vther sowmes alriddie debursit be the said thesaurer at the townis command, quhairof the nichtbouris aucht to beir the burthing, is veray chairgebill to the commoun rent, thay haif accordet that at the setting of the nixt extent quhilk sall be raiset the said sowm of vj^{c} merkis togidder with the sowm of iij^{c} xxiiij li. viij s. iiij. d. deburset in convoying the Erle Mortoun to Dumbartane, to be eiket to the said extent and vpliftit of the nichtbouris of this burgh for releif of the commoun rent. [The following is written on the margin.] This pairt of this act anent the ministeris stipend is dischairgeitt becaus the deikinis refuisit thairafter to consent thairto.

Precept, thesaurer, ministeris stipendis; chairge, collectour; chairge, thesaurer.

17 *February* 1580-81.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis ane lettre mesive to be derect to the prouest, baillies, and counsall of Linlithgow, requyiring thame to caus the furlet maid to the guid toun be the cowper of Linlithgow to be met thair jadge, brunt with thair commoun yrne, and to gif furth thair testimoniall vpoun the just mesour thairof.

Furleitt, Linlithgow.

The foirsaidis prouest, bailleis, and counsall for the commoun weill of this burgh and of all our Souerane Lordis lieges, and for suppressing and halding doun of the exorbitant derth of fische baith grit and small, hes thocht expedient and conforme to the ancient lawis of this burgh of new statut and ordanit that na maner of flescheouris fremen of this burgh and vtheris tak vpoun hand in ony tyme cuming, to by ony kynd of fische to regrait, foirstall, coup, or sell our agane, but that thai suffur and permitt the strangeris imbringeris of the said fische to sell the samyn in oppin mercat indeferentlie to all our Souerane Lordis liegis, without trubill or molestatioun to be maid to thame be the saidis flescheouris, and als that the saidis flescheouris brek all maner of grit fische to all thame that sall requyre thame thairto, and gif thai refuis that thai suffer the auneris of the fische ather to brek the same thame selflis or to gett ane sufficient persoun for breking thairof; for the quhilkis the saidis proueist, baillies, and counsall hes thocht guid to agment the auld prices in breking of fische, to wit that

Statute, flescheouris, fische breking and selling.

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the flescheouris fremen of this burgh sall have for breking of ilk kylling, lyng, or skaitt, tua penneis; of ilk salmond or turbett, four penneis; of ilk pellok or seleche sauld deirar than xx s. to haif xij d.; and within xx s. to haif vj d.; and sielyk of all vther grit fische; and ordanis that thai tak na hier pryces for thair paunes, and that the premissis be vnviolablie obseruit be the saidis flescheouris vnder the pane of escheit of the fische fund in thair possessioun selling the samyn, tynsall of thair fredome, and punesching of thame at the will and plesour of the maiestraittis sa oft as thai sall failyie in ony point heirof: and this present ordinance was presentlie red and intimat to ane pairt of the saidis flescheouris being present for the tyme.

20 *February* 1580-81.

Rex, gaird in the Abbay.

The proweist, baillies, and counsall, at the desyr of our Souerane Lord, ordanis ane gaird of our watche of maist honest and best airmit nichtbouris of this burgh, to be send to the Abbay and to await vpoun our Souerane Lord ilk threscoir of men the spaice of xxiiij houris, and the baillies ewerie ane in thair quarteris to se the samyn dewlie and orderlie done to the ordour of the towne and plesour of our Souerane Lord.

21 *February* 1580-81.

Ansuer to the Kingis Grace anent the borrowing of xx^{m} li.

The proueist, baillies, counsall, and deaconis, with ane grit pairt of the maist worthie and famous nichtbouris of this burgh, being convenit in the counsalhous thairof, it was proponit be my lord proueist that the Kingis Grace haifand presentlie ado with money, desyirit of the guid toun the sowm of tuentie thowsand pund in borrowing vpoun sufficient pledges, quhilk sould be thankfullie refoundit, and thair ansuer heirvpoun the morne, of the quhilkis the saidis proueist, baillies, counsall, and deaconis and men of guid hes accordit that the commissionaris of this present conventioun for the towne, with Alexander Vddert [and eight others] sal pas to his Hienes and schaw and declair the grit traweill, panis, chairges, and expenssis, what hasairt of thair lyffes, los of thair guidis, burning and destroying of the toun, sustenit sen his Grace first coronatioun, repeting the speciall pointis heirof from tyme to tyme, lamenting alsua thair

present estait and powertie, and thairfoir desyiring his Maiestie to haif the ke and regaird thairinto, schawand thair guid will, and to except thair seruice in thair bodeis, handis, and guidis at thair powar, and swa that thai in the maist gentill termes thai can devuis upoun travell that his Grace he may be content with this ansuer, and the towne nocht chairgeit with the said sowme quhilk is far aboue thair powar and substance.

Ansuer to the Kingis Grace anent the borrowing of xxm li.

28 *February* 1580-81.

The proweist, bailleis, and counsall, ordanis Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to the cowper of Linlithgow for the new furlet of Linlithgow mesour, and for his chairges bringing the samyn hidder for the burning thairof, and for the testimoniall of mesour of the samyn, the sowme of alevene markes.

Precept, thesaurer, new furlett, chairge.

10 *March* 1580-81.

The foresaidis prouest, baillies, and counsale and deikynis of craftis following, to witt, Alexander Owsteand of the tailyeouris, Jhonn Richertsoun of the hammermen, Jhonn Heroot of the baxteris, Jhone Nicolsoun of the cordineris, Thomas Dicksoun of the furrouris, for the weill and preseruatioun of this burgh in this tyme of opperant trublis, for the better convening of the nichtboures, and to se thai be weill airmit, hes thocht expedient and ordanit that the haill nichtbouris and communitie sall be callit and convenit be thair quarteris in sic places as the baillies sall fynd guid, at the quhilk tyme thair sall be electit be the nichtbouris selfis ane merchand and ane craftisman furth of ilk fiftie men dwelling togidder, of the best and worthiest of that number quhilk sall haif the cuir, owersicht, and command of the said persounis, to visie and se thai be weill airmit and to appoynt to thame ane place quhair thai sall convene, as the saidis commanderis sall be requyret and chairget be the baillies of the quarteris in tyme of necessitie; and this to be done and performit with all diligence, and the nichtbouris to be admonist to be reddie and obedient to the saidis commanderis, and the commanderis to be diligent to se thair companeis be weill airmit and in reddynes.

Act, electioun of commanderis of ilk fiftie throw the haill toun.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay "ten pundis for the scholehous maill of the maister of the franche schole of the terme of Mairtymes last bypast" and also to the

Precept, thesaurer, franche schole, ministreis lugeingis.

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collector "for paying of the nichtbouris quha avancet money for bigging and repairing of the ministeris lugeingis the sowm of fiftie merk for thair payment of the Mairtymes terme last bypast."]

15 *March* 1580-81.

Extent of xxxiij^c markis, chairge, baillies.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] vnderstanding that in this last conventioun of the estaittis and nobility haldin at Halyruidhous, thair is ane generall extent of fourty thowsand pund grantit to our Souerane Lord to be tane of the haill realme and payit at [*blank*] sindry termes, the first termes payment to begyn the first of Aprile nixt, off the quhilk haill sowm the burrowes pairt extendis to ten thowsand markis, quhairof this burgh with thair pendicles payis the fourt pairt and thre li. mair of ilk hundreth, swa the townes pairt of this extent will extend to twenty aucht hundreth markis, thairfore thai all in ane voce consentit to the setting of and raising of the said extent of the haill nichtboures of this burgh, merchand and craftisman, according to the pairtis thairof, and becaus the commoun guid payit the expenssis maid on the men of weir for convoying the Erle Mortoun to Dumbartane; for releif thairof thai consentit that the said extent be augmentit in the sowm of fyve hundreth merk, swa the haill extent to mak the sowm of threttie thre hundreth merkis, and ordanis the ane half the sam to be vpliftit, payit, and collectit agane the first day of Aprile nixttocum, quhilk is the first termes payment of the generall extent as thai vnderstand.

The tent thowsand mark lent to the Kingis Grace

The foresaidis provest, baillies, counsale, and deikynis at the airnist requeist of our Souerane Lord the Kingis Grace, desyring the guid town to avance and len to his Grace vpoun sufficient security the sowm of ten thowsand markis for the commoun effaires of his Hienes and of this realme, and knawand thame selffis to be of dewty bund heirto, and willing to implesour his Grace in all that lyis in thair power, hes of thair awin frie willis, for thame selffis and in name of the haill community of this burgh, consentit and agreit to avance and len to his Grace the said sowm of ten thowsand markis vpoun guid security, and to that effect ordanis with all diligence possibill the nichtbouris of this burgh, sic as thai sall fynd may

according to the sowmes thai sall be sett to for thair pairt, and the persounis refuisand to be wairdet and thairafter thair names gevin vp and dilatit to the Kingis Grace; and becaus it is thair dewty to se thair nichtboures payet, the saidis provest, baillies, counsale, and deikynis be thir presentis, actis, bindis and oblissis thame and thair successoures to thair saidis nichtboures and brether quha sall avance and deburs any pairt of the said sowm, to refound and pay to thame thair pairt thairof betwix this and Witsounday nixt, and failyeand thairof sall infeft thame and euery ane of thame, according to thair raitt and portioun, in ane annuelrent efferand to fyve mark of ilk hundreth merkis to be tane yeirly furth of thair commoun mylnis, or reddiest of thair commoun rent, as the saidis nichtbouris sall think maist expedient, vnder reuersioun contenand the principall sowm lent, with payment of the haill byrun annuellis that sall happin to be restand awand the tyme of the redemptioun, swa that the sam sall nocht be redemit quhill the byrunis be first payit.

The tent thowsand mark lent to the Kingis Grace.

Followis the personis quha avancet any pairt of the said money and payet the same to the baillie of thair quarter, conforme to the act aboue writtin. [Here is engrossed the list of payments from the North-west, North-east, South-east, and South-west quarters respectively. Several of the names are marked with a cross (+); and there is appended the following memorandum :—] The names market with ane croce ar thai quha pairtlie hes resauet infeftment, pairtlie payment, and pairtlie maid assignatioun to vtheris quha gettis infeftment.

24 *March* 1580-81.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis the thesaurer to caus to mak, mend, and repair the calsay in the streitt leding to the buriale place fra the stray merkett, and to produce the workman calsaymakeris thairto, and thai to be payet with the vnlawes, and to that effect the baillies to ansuer the said thesaurer of the said vnlawes.

Thesaurer, calsay to the buriale.

Ordanis the baillies to caus the officiaris in thair quarteris to warne

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the nychtboures to the examinatioun ilk Tysday afternone, as thai sall be requyret thairto be the ministeris, eldares, or deaconis of the kirk.

New furlottis.

Deputes the said thesaurer and dene of gild to agrie and mak pryce with the cowperis for making of the new furlottis as thai sall think maist expedient.

29 *March* 1581.

Precept, the toune wallis.

Vnderstanding the toune wallis to be holkit, ruinous, and falteis in dyuers places, as wes repoirtit be certain of the counsale quha visite the sam, ordanis the thesaurer to fill vp and repair the same with all diligence.

Baillies for ingaddering of the x^m merkis lent to the Kingis Grace.

Vnderstanding that dyueris nichtbouris of this burgh hes refuisit to pay thair pairtis of the x^m merkis grantit be the guid town in len to the Kingis Grace, thairfore hes ordanit the saidis persounis to be chairget to mak thankfull payment incontinent to the baillie of thair quarter according to the sowmes thai ar sett to; and gif thai refuis or delay, that the said baillie caus the executiounis of wairding and poynding, or any of thame, to be vsit at his plesour aganis thame, thair bodeis and guidis, with all extremity, ay and quhill thai mak guid and thankfull payment of the sowmes foresaidis for thair pairtis, and declairis ane dayes comprysing in this case to be sufficient comprysing without further proces; and becaus thai vnderstand maister Jhone Provand and his spous, Jhone Dowgall, eldare, William Strang, Robert Abircrummy, quha awcht to gif guid exampill to vtheris yitt to be obstinat and wilfull, thairfore thai ordane the baillies to vse the executionis foresaidis aganis thame with expeditioun in all rigour, vnder the payne of payment of the saidis persounis pairtis of thair awin purses.

31 *March* 1581.

Precept, thesaurer, Littill.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Jhone Robertsoune, thesaurer, to content and pay to William Littill the sowm of sextein pund, allevin s., quhilk the guid toun is fund restand awand to him at the fuite

of his comptis of the expenssis and chairges maid be him vpoun the reparatioun, dressing, and ordoring of the buriale place. Precept, thesaurer, Littill.

Makis, constitutes, creattis, and ordanis William Littill, thair master of the buriale place and yairdis thairof, to se the sam putt at guid poynt, kepit and ordorit, and to do all thingis thairintill concerning the policie and weill thairof and proffeitt of the guid towne, and commandis thair belman and vtheris that thai brek na earth nor mak graiffis thairintill bot as sall be appoyntit and designit be the said William, vnder payne of depriuatioun of thair office. Littill, master of the buriale.

5 *April* 1581.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis the said thesaurer to appoynt, agrie, and mak pryce, the best cheip he can, with the smythis and workmen for banding with irne of the new furlettis within and without and in the boddomes, gevand him thair full power and commissioun thairto. Thesaurer, furlettis.

7 *April* 1581.

[The provost, bailies, and council] vnderstanding that the nichtbouris of this burgh ar become negligent, wilfull, and disobedient to pas with the pece thair wolk about, for collecting at the kirk durris of the puiris almous vpoun the Sondayes, Wednisdayes, and Frydayes, and sum sending thair boyes in thair place quhairby the publict almis is neglectit and the puir havely damnefeit; for remedy quhairof thai ordane Jhone Smyth, gild officiar, to chairge sic of the nichtbouris as ar of honest reputatioun to pas with the said pece, thair wolk about, the dayes foresaidis, and be thame selffis in proper persounis and na vtheris to collect and gadder the said almous, vnder the payne of xl s. to be tane of ilk ane of thame that sall be absent or refuissis, with all rigour, and in thair place to warne the nixt in roll, and gif vp the names of the saidis persounis absent or refusand to the baillie of the quarter to be poyndit for the said vnlawes. For collecting the almis.

Precept, thesaurer, Fowlseyis, anseyngyie.

Ordanis the sowm of twenty sewin schillingis as for the pryce of ane bukrome anseyngyie maid and furnist be the thesaurer at the baillies command to the persounis that cuist at the Fowseis of Leyth.

Precept, thesaurer, Conventioun buik.

Ordanis Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Henry Chairteris the sowm of twenty schillingis for ane pay buik furnist and delyuerit be him to Jhone Guthre quha suld writt and register thairin the haill actis of the burrowes and thair conventiounis bypast.

12 *April* 1581.

Calsayes.

Ordanis Jhone Sym, baillie of the sowthwest quarter, to chairge the nychtbouris thairof to repair the calsayes fornent thair landis, speciallie in the straitt leding fra the stray merket to the buriale, and the expenssis thairof to be allowet in thair mailles.

14 *April* 1581.

Bying of the staynes of Sanct Colmes Inche.

Appoyntis and nominatis Alexander Vddert, baillie, Jhone Harwod, dene of gild, and Henry Nesbet to agre and mak pryce with Archibald Stewart in the Quenis Ferry for bying fra him of the asler and thak staynis of the Abbay in Sanct Colmes Inche to the townes wark, swa mony as sall be thocht neidfull, and to repoirt the sam to the counsale.

Meillmen of Leyth.

Ordanis Jhone Sym, baillie, to pas to Leyth on Tysday nixt, and hald court thair vpoun the meilmen, and dischairge thame of all haldin of oppin mercat thair of meill, or topping of the sam, in hurt and preiudice of the liberty of this burgh, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw.

Fowseis of Leyth.

Ordanis the baillies in thair quarteris to discharge the nychtbouris and thaire seruandis vurking att the fowseis of Leyth to cum throw the town at ewin, in companeis with pypis and handsenyeis in sic dissolut maner of wontones, becaus the sam is found be the kirk to be offeneif and sclanderus.

26 *April* 1581.

In consideratioun of ane Act of Parliament maid anenttis the vplifting of twelf penneis of ilk pound of all sic personis as sould happin to tyne thair actiones within burgh to the support of the puire, and to the effect that the samyn may be execute with all rigour, ordanis the officiaris of this burgh present and to cum to waird the personis or poynd the guidis of all sic personis quhome aganis decreittis is gewin or thair souerteis afore the proueist and bailleis of the said burgh for the saidis puiris dewty, and mak payment to Thomas Alexander to quhome the same is sett at the rowping of the commoun guid, they being sic as the Act of Parliament may strik vpoun, to wit, wilfull and obstinat pleyeris, and gif ony persoun enter within the bar quhome aganis decreitis is gewin that the said officiar detein thame thairintill quhill the dewtie aboue writtin be payit, and incais thai mak nocht payment thairof, or tuelf houris pas, that the said officiar putt them in the tolbuithe quhill thai mak payment of the same, and incais ony deforcement be maid to the saidis officiaris in poynding or vairding for the said dewtie, and the said Thomas Alexander gevand in and produceand the same dewly led, execute, and indorsate, and the samyn beand found of werity, the said prouest, baillies, and counsale hes agreit and ar content to accept the same in pairt of payment of the sowme quhilk the said Thomas aucht to pay for the saidis dewty. Alexander, puiris dewty

28 *April* 1581.

The provost, baillies, and counsale ordanis William Napier, baillie, Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, William Littill, and Robert Bog to pas and visy the faltis and decayet places of the towne wall in speciall at the Kowgaitt port, and the said thesaurer to caus repair the samyn. Towne wallis, precept, thesaurer.

3 *May* 1581.

[The provost, bailies, and council] hes aggreit and appoyntit that the said lord prouest, with the saidis thesaurer, William Littill, Johne Adamesoun, Henrie Nesbett, and Alexander Owsteane sall pas to the Kingis Grace, be thair supplicatioun trawaill with his Hienes for remeid to be had aganis Impost on clayth in France.

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the impost laitlie raessit in France vpoun all scottis claithe, quhat way the samyn may be gottin dischairgit for the bettir eis of our merchantis and mentinens of priuelege of oure natioun.

Thesaurer, towne wall.

Vnderstanding the town wall is altogidder falteis and ruinous frome the new vall at the Blackfreiris to the Cowgaitt poirtt, thairfoire hes fund it maist necessar and expedient for strenthein of the towne that ane new substantius vall be raessit in that place, and that becaus the querrell and stane in the croft pertening to the justice clerk is maist commodius and nerrest for vynning of stanes thairto, thairfoire ordanis Alexander Vddart, baillie, the thesaurer, Henry Nesbett, Jhone Adamesoun to speik the said justice clerk and obtein his gude will and licence to this effect; and siclyk efter lang ressoning with Hew Broun, masoun, for bigging of the said wall, quhilk he alledgit vald extend to tuelff rude of work, continewis the appointment with him anent the said biggin till Frayday nixt.

Birning of baynis.

Ordanis Jhone Syme, baillie, to discharge the birning of baynis within this burgh for seruing the cungyiehous, in consideratioun of the pestiferous savour and vther incommoditeis arrysand thairthrew.

10 *May* 1581.

Toun wall, justice clerk.

Alexander Wddart, baillie, conform to the commissioun gewin to him declarit that he had spokin the justice clerk anent his quorrell for seruing, of the town wall at the Blakfreiris, quha was content and granttit the samyng to that effect.

Proclamatioune, flesche.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid discharging all hostilleris, commoun cuikis, and tawerounceris to dress or to prepaire within thaire houssis ony maner of flesche vpoun the Fraydayes and Setterdayis in tymes cumming, vnder the pane of ten pound sua oft as thai failzie.

12 *May* 1581.

Comperit Johne Elder, fermemorer of the musuris of this burgh, and confest and grantit him to haiwe resawit fra the handis of Johne Robertsone, thesaurer, in name of the guid toun, fouretie new firlettis banddit with [*blank*] irne girthis, quhairof twa at the mouth, ane within, and ane vther without, and the thrid girth in the boddum togidder with ane corsband of irne athort the said boddum outwithe, and als tuentie new pekis banddit with twa girthis of irne, ane in the mouthe and ane vther in the boddum, togidder with ane corsband athort the said boddum without; quhairvpoun the said thesaurer askit instrumentis. New firlettis, chairge, elder.

17 *May* 1581.

Fyndis the wark of the calsay at the Grayfreir port to extend to allevin ruid and ane half, and the ruid at fiftie s. in making and repayring thairof extending in the haill to twenty aucht pund, fiftein s., quhilk calsay wes repairit be Johne Robertsoun, thesaurer, at thair command, conforme to the actis maid thairvpoun of before, and suld haif bene payit of the vnlawes, bot becaus the sam ar nocht gottin nor collectit be the baillies, or delyuerit to the said thesaurer, ordanis the said sowm of xxviij li., xv s. to be allowit to the said thesaurer in his comptis. Precept, thesaurer, calsay at the Grayfreiris.

Ordanis Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus mak aucht new furlettis of the just messour, for to be mesour for seruing the wyld auentoures of Leyth, and to delyuer the sam to the fermoreris thairof, and sielyke ordanis him to caus mak ane just new mesour of the half boll mett to be straiket and conform to the new furlettis, and the sam be mett and judgeit in presens of ane pairt of the counsale. Precept, thesaurer, mesoures of Leyth, and half boll mett

19 *May* 1581.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis proclamatioun to be maid dischargeing the baxteris and all vtheris to big and mak any hedder stakis Proclamatioun, hedder stakis.

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in vinellis or clossis or neir to any bigget land bot allanerly att ane owtsyde, vnder the payne of x li. and escheitt of the stak conform to the auld actis maid thairanent of before; and the baillies to putt this proclamatioun to executioun in thair quarteris.

Repairing of the hospitale.

Becaus it wes meanit be certane eldares of the kirk that the ruif of the hospitale in the Trinity College is failland and habill to decay gif remeid be nocht haistely fund thairto, fyndis it guid that the nychtbouris and inhabiteris of this burgh be requyrit and travellet with for thair help to the reparatioun thairof, and thairfoir appoyntis and nominatis Alexander Owsteane and Edward Galbrayth to speik the deykinis and thair craftis, Jhone Adamesoun and Jhone Dury, minister, to speik the men of law, and Alexander Vddert and William Littill to speik the merchantis, and to report thair ansuer the nixt counsale day.

Precept, thesaurer, coillis.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Androw Lyndsay, javelour, the sowm of fourty schillingis in full contentatioun of the coillis and fyre furnist be him to the guid town attour the ordinare tyme throw continuance of the cauld wedder.

24 *May* 1581.

Villa, girnallis in Leyth.

The foresaidis prouest, baillies, and counsale hes accordit that my lord prouest with sum of the baillies and nichtbouris of this burgh, sall pas the morn to Leyth and viseit the girnaris of victuall, and quhair any beis fundin closet and victuall to be huirdit, that thai mak oppin durris and execute the paynis contenit in the townis statutes maid thairvpoun.

26 *May* 1581.

Pudden mercat, beir mercat.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale for policie and honesty of the towne vpoun the Sabbaith day, ordanis the pudden mercat and beir mercatt to be remouit of the calsay and placeit in the flesche mercat placis, and that the baillies caus thair officiaris to se the said place be in the meane tyme kepit clene from filth.

31 *May* 1581.

[The provost, bailies, and council] at the desyre and requeist of James, Erle of Arrane, grantis thair licence and owersicht to Jhone Reid, seruitour to the said Erle, to exerce the tred of ane gild brother within the fredome of this burgh, nochtwithstanding that he be nocht admittit bot onelie frie burges, and forther promesis swa sone as he sall be mareit to admitt him frie gild brother for the requeist of the said Erle. Reid, gild-brother, owersicht.

2 *June* 1581.

The prouest, baillies, and counsale vnderstanding that James, Erle of Mortoun, is to be execut to the deid afternone for certane crymes of lese maiesty, ordanis Androw Steuinsoun for honour of the towne to caus mak ane new garment and stand of claythis of the townis liveray to thair lokman with expeditioun, and Johne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to refound to him the expenssis. Precept, thesaurer, lokman.

7 *June* 1581.

Appoyntis and nominatis William Littill, Andro Steuinsoun, and Alexander Scott to intreatt with the nichtbouris and gentilmen to landwert for laying to of staynis for repairing of the calsayes at the West port, according to the promeis and desyre of the Laird of Reidhall. Calsayes at the West port.

9 *June* 1581.

Becaus the baillies hes avanceit dyuers sowmes of thair awin purs for completing the x^{m} merkis lent to the Kingis Grace, quhairof thai haif gottin na payment of the nichtboures, and that it is vncertan quhat will be restand vnvpliftit, thairfore hes agreit that the baillies and counsale sall convene the morne at vj houris in the morning in the counsale hous, the baillies to bring and mak thair comptis, the counsale to be auditouris thairto that forther ordour may be tane for completing and perfyting of the said taxt of the lent money, and quha swa beis absent to be vnlawet in ane vnlaw of vj s. viij d. but favouris. Baillie compti of the x^{m} merk.

13 *June* 1581.

Anent the bigging of the awld tolbuith.

Vnderstanding that the auld tolbuith now lyand waist is altogidder inproffitabill, quhairas gif the sam wer biggett and repairit suld greitly incres the commoun rent, and the buithis on ilk syde thairof suld gif maill quhair now thai gif nane, and that opportune occassioun is offerit of staynes and aisleris in Sanct Colmes Inche, and vther materialles may now be had quhilkis heirafter sall nocht be gottin, thairfore ordanis the rentalleris of the buithis to be wairnit to compeir before thame the morne that ordour may be tane with thame for downtaking of the saidis buithis and vpbigging thairof for thair pairt and sielyke that the dekyinis of craftis be wairnit to the said day to gif thair avyse and vote heir anent the premissis.

14 *June* 1581.

Spens, Bairnisfather dischairget merchandice.

Dischairgis Johne Spens and George Bairnisfather, crameris, of all vsing the tred of merchandice or liberty of ane frie burges ay and quhill thai be frie with the gude towne, vnder the payne of escheitt of thair guidis quhaireuir the same may be apprehendit, becaus the said personis comperand culd schaw na resonabill caus in the contrair.

16 *June* 1581.

Watter yett oppining.

Grantis and consentis that the watter yett be maid patent and oppin fra v houris in the morning quhill vij houris at evin to the nychtbouris of this burgh for leding furth of thair muk, thai fyndand ane sufficient man to awaitt on the said yett for the space of [*blank*] dayes nixt heirafter.

21 *June* 1581.

Anent the payment to the nichtbouris of the x^{m} merkis.

[The provost, bailies, and council] being convenit in the counsalhous of this burgh, comperit dyuers of the nychtbouris of this burgh quha hes avancet and lent of the x^{m} merk grantit to the Kingis Grace and desyrit thair sowmes to [be] refoundit and payit agane to thame or ellis that thai mycht haif infeftment of ane annuell of the mylnis, conforme to the act maid thairvpoun the [*blank*] day of Marche last, to quhome it wes ansuerit

be the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall that the saidis nychtbouris sall resaue ather payment or infeftment, conforme to the said Act, the xx day of July nixt, desyring thame to continew the same only to the said day; to the quhilk the saidis nychtbouris consentit and askit instrumentis.

Anent the payment to the nichtbouris of the xm merkis.

23 *June* 1581.

Ordanis James Nicoll, baillie, the dene of gild, William Littill, Edward Galbrayth and Thomas Aikinheid to pas on Sonday nixt at afternone to the hospitale and visy the decayet pairtis thairof in the ruif and cuppillis, and to report quhair the same neidis to [be] repairit and beittit, that ordour may be tane thairanent.

Hospitale repairing.

Adame Robertsoun in Leyth oblist himself nocht to wey any maner of irne, lynt, or hemp, or ony wey guidis at any tyme heirafter within the vnfrie towne of Leyth, vnder the payne of ten li. to the puir swa oft as he beis tryit to haif done the samyn.

Robertsoun dischairgeit weying in Leyth.

30 *June* 1581.

Becaus thai ar informit that dyuers of thair nichtboures ar detenit as prisoneris in Bervik be the Lord Lumisdaill without any just caus, appoyntis Alexander Vddert and Henry Nesbet, with George Wawchop and certane of the counsale and honest nychtboures, to pas to Dalkyth to the Kingis Grace on the townes chairges to gif in thair supplicatioun for releving of the saidis nychtbouris, and als to remember the mater anent the new custome of clayth in France, and for ordour to be tane that the towne may be payit of x^{m} merk lent to the Kingis Grace.

Nichtboures in Bervik, new custome in France, the lent money.

The deykinis of craftis vnderwrittin, viz:—Gilbert Primrose, chirurgeane, Dauid Danielstoun, goldsmyth, Jhone Nicolsoun, cordiner, Patrik Broun, skynner, Jhone Henrysoun, Flescheour, William Fiddes, baxter, in name of the haill craftis beand requyret for thair avyse and consent to the reparatioun of the auld tolbuith, ansuerit that it wes mair necessar to releif the commoun guid quhair it is thirlet, and that thai wer payet of the money lent on the superiority of Leyth.

Act of the deykinis anent the auld tolbuith.

Proclamatioun, tar barrellis.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that na tar barrellis be placeit in the hie streittis or oppin vinellis of the samyn, bot onely to be layit at the Grayfreir port betuix the port and Robert Abircrummeis land as the place appoyntit thairto, vnder the payne of xviij s. to be tane of ilk barrell sua oft as the sam beis fund owtwith the said place in the hie streitt and vinellis foresaidis.

5 *July* 1581.

Wechtt of the woll mercatt.

Ordanis Jhone Sym. James Nicoll, baillies, to pas with the dene of gild throw the merchantis buithis and visy and trye the justices of thair wechtis of pund and stayne seruing the woll mercatt, and to putt refermatioun thairto.

Aisler staynes, calsayes.

Ordanis James Nicoll, baillie, with the persounis before namet, to tak ordour for vpbringing of the aisler staynis cum fra Sanct Colmes Inche and to see the sam placet in the over kirkyaird, and siclyke that thai intreat with the inhabitantis of Leyth for leding of staynes to repairing of the calsayes betuix this burgh and Leyth.

7 *July* 1581.

South loch.

[The bailies and council] ordanis the sowth loch to be viseit quhilk is allegeit to be lattin furth by thair command and to the hurt of the toune in this tyme of drowth, and names to the visiting thairof the saidis Henry Nesbet, Alexander Vddert, Robert Bog, William Littill and James Ros.

Aisler staynes, cariage thairof.

Ordanis the aisler staynes pertening to the guid towne and lyand besyde the schore of Leyth to be cairtit and transportit to the over kirkyaird of this burgh, and the thesaurer to agrie with the cairteris and workmen for careing thairof, and thai to haif fyve pund allenarly for the cariage of ilk hundreth staynes.

19 *July* 1581.

Appoyntis James Nicol, baillie, Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, and Androw Steuinsoun to pas and visy the grund and land of Thomas Wod, in the Bred Wynd of Leyth and to se that the said Thomas mak na alteratioun nor novatioun in chayngeing of the stouppis of his stairis of the said land by the awld places the sam stuid into of before, and that the wynd be nocht nairowet nor na ma stowppis sett vp nor wes of awld.

Wod in Leyth, stoupis of his stair there.

21 *July* 1581.

Dauid Moreis, merchant, beand callit and accusit for bying, pakking, metting, and mesvring within the vnfrie towne of Leyth of foure hundreth elmis of plaiding contrair to the liberty of this burgh, and confessand the metting thairof wes adiugeit and decernit in ane vnlaw of ten pundis to be payet to Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, and bestowet on reparatioun of the calsayes betuix and Leyth, for the quhilk it wes promist to the said Dauid that gif he sall fynd and delaitt ony persounis weyand irne or lint, pakking or metting in the said towne of Leyth, and the sam beis tryet to be of verity, to caus that persoun or persounis to pay to him agane the said x li.

Moreis involuntate, chairge, thesaurer.

26 *July* 1581.

Alexander Vddert, baillie, producet ane act of secreitt counsale quhair the Kingis hes maid the guid towne assignatioun to thair awin pairt of the generall extent of xl^{m} li. and to the sowme of [*blank*] of the first termes payment of the dewty of the cungyehous awand to his Grace be the takkismen thairof quhilk suld be payit the last of Nouember nixt.

Assignatioun, for payment of the x^{m} merkis.

28 *July* 1581.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, and council] the nichtbouris quha lent the x^{m} merk being assemblit at the counsalehous dur and incallit, and the assignatioun maid to the towne be the Kingis Grace for payment of the said sowm being red and publist to thame, thai desyrit be the mowth of

Anent the nichtbouris that lent the x^{m} markis.

Anent the nychtbouris that lent the xm merkis.

Alexander Scott gif the takkismen wald accept the said assignatioun, to quhome it wes ansuerit be Henry Nesbet that gif the Kingis Grace nather reuokit the said assignatioun nor tak, and gif thai remanit dettouris to his Grace at the day of payment thai wald accept the sam and pay thair nychtbouris before ony vtheris, and it wes declairit to the saidis nychtbouris be the saidis provest, baillies, and counsale that gif thai gatt nocht payment at the day, thai suld be infeft according to the act maid xv. Martii last wes, and thair annuellis payit thame thankfullie.

2 *August* 1581.

Proclamatioun, aill.

[Ale to be sold not dearer than 9d. the pint.]

Repairing the hospitale, chairge, nychtbouris thairof.

Vnderstanding that the sowme of [*blank*] is collected and gadderit of the guid will of certane of the sessioun and guid nychtbouris of this burgh for reparatioun of the new hospitale in the Trinity College, ordanis Thomas Aikinheid and Andro Sclateris, maisteris of the said hospitale, to resaue the said money and imploy the sam in repairing of the said hospitale, and to be comptabill thairfor to the guid towne.

4 *August* 1581.

Harlotis and vicious persounis.

[The provost, bailies, and council] consentis and ordanis that ilk baillie in his quarter sall concure with the ministeris and eldaris to pas and visy the samyn for purgeing thairof fra the greitt multitude of harlottis and vitious persounis quhairwith this toune is now replenescheit.

Proclamatioun for keping the Sabboth day, &c.

For suppressing of the greitt insolence and profanatioun of the Saboth day, ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh dischairgeing all kynd of gemmis and playis now commonly vsit the said day, sic as bowling in yairdis, dansing, playing, rynning throw the hie streittis of husseis, bairnis, and boyes, with all maner of dissolution of behaviour, with command to all maisteris of houssis to gif dilligent attendance on thair seruandis, bairnis, and famelis that thai keip the preicheing be exerceit, in all godly conuersatioun, and refrayne fra the wantones before rehersit, vnder

the payne of viij dayes imprisonment of the persounis doing contrair this proclamatioun and payment of xx s. besydes the imprisonment of the said maisteris of houshald at the will of the magestratis, and for the better execution heirof willis the baillies to owersey the streittis and houssis thair owlk about, and Jhone Sym, baillie, to begyn the nixt Sonday and sua furth als weill Sounday as tyme of seruice. Proclamatioun for keping the Sabboth day, &c.

Becaus Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, is enterit to the bigging, mending, and repayring of the calsayes betuix this and Leyth, ordanis Jhone Sym, baillie, [and four others] to be visitouris of the said wark and concure with the thesaurer in devysing the best and maist substantious way of making thairof, and thair counsale and jugement to be followet thairinto. Repairing the calsayes betuix and Leyth.

Vnderstanding that the officiaris of this burgh thocht thai be mony yitt oft tymes ar of the streittis and can nocht be had quhen thair is ado with thame, statutes and ordanis that at ilk ane of the places following to witt, betuix the over trone and auld tolbuith at the croce, and at the Blakfreir Wynd heid, twa of thame thair owlk about awaitt contenually quhair thai may be fund at all tymes reddy to all pairteis haveand ado to serue as thai suld be chairget or requyrit in thair offices, vnder payne of tynsale of his office to him or thame that sall be fund furth of the said places in thair awin tyme except quhen thai ar making chairges or at the tolbuith, and the rest to awaitt on my lord prouest and baillies. Statute, officiaris.

16 *August* 1581.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, and council] the townis syluer mase being producet and weyit be Adame Craig, goldsmyth, wes fund to extend to twa pund fourtene vnce and ane half trie and all, and incontinent thairafter delyuerit to Robert Stewart, towne maser. Wecht of the tounis syluer maser.

22 *August* 1581.

Proclamatioun, talloun.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that na maner of personis by ony talloun or vther forbidden guidis ta sell agane or transport furth of the country, vnder payn of escheitt theirof and tynsale of thair fredome.

23 *August* 1581.

Proclamatio, mesures.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh, toune, and schore of Leyth anent the mesoures as after followes, to witt, forswamekill as in tymes past thair hes bene vsit within this burgh and fredome thairof and in the towne of Leyth ane greitt diuersity of pek and furlott and siclyke far different fra the awld mesouris of the realme, to the greitt hurt of the puir and all our Souerane Lordis lieges, thairfore commanding and chairgeing in our said Souerane Lordis name and in name and behalf of the prouest and baillies of this burgh that na maner of persounis, baxteris, meilmen, or ony vtheris topperis and ventares of victuall tak vpoun hand to sell, mett furth, resaue, or vse fra the feist of Michaelmes nixt ony vther mesour of pek and furlett and siclyke nor that quhilk sall be maid agreand to the townis mesouris laitlie maid, and that thai brek downe and destroy thair awld mesouris and mak new conforme to the said townis mesouris, sufficientlie bandit with irne lyke to the sam in all sortis, fra the said day furth vnder the payne of breking of thair vther mesures and payment of ane vnlaw of ten pund sua oft as thai failyie.

Villa, Wawchop, talloun, flescheoures, candilmakeris.

Anent ane pretendit licence obtenit be maister Adame [*blank*] francheman, chirurgeane, fra our Souerane Lord, with avyse of the secreitt counsale, for bying four last of talloun ryndet and vnryndet and transporting thairof furth of the realme, as the said licence subscryuet be the Kingis Grace and vnder the signet past and allowet in counsale of the daitt the first of July last perportis, quhilk licence George Wawchop,

merchant, hes bocht fra the said francheman for twenty crownis as he allegeit, becaus the sum is hurtfull to the commoun weill and ane preparatiue quhilk wold nocht be lattin to tak effect, and becaus the said George declairit he beand na loser wald agrie thairto as nocht willing to vnderly the bruitt and indignatioun of the pepill; thairfoir it is appoyntit betuix the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsale in name of the guid towne on the ane pairt and the said George in the vther pairt, that he sall renunce the said licence and rycht thairof and delyuer the same to thame to be cancellat or vsit at thair plesour, lykeas he presentlie renunceit and delyuerit the said licence to that effect; for the quhilk caus thai faythfullie promittit that he sall be na loser thairby, bot to caus the talloun bocht be him als weill ryndet and vnryndet to be tane of his hand, and the pryce he gaif thairfor with all vncostes maid thairon to be payit to him, and lykewayes pay to him the said xx crownis or fourty sevin pund for the said crownis and this within xiiij dayes nixt heirafter, and for performing heirof he to gif vp the names of the fleschouris selleris to him of the talloun, the nummer and quantity bocht fra thame, with the names of the candilmakeris randeris thairof and vncostes maid thairon, and hes ordanit that the saidis flescheouris be compellit to resaue thair talloun vnryndet bak agane and refound the pryces thairof, and if that is ryndet thai compellis the candilmakeris to resaue and pay thairfor with the vncostis thairof; and the saidis fleschoures and candilmakeris to be callit for breking the statutes of the towne and actis of parliament and vnlawet but favouris, and the vnlawes to pay the said xx crownis.

Villa, Wawchop, talloun, flescheouris, candilmakeris.

Ordanis Johne Clavie, candilmaker, to big up and close with ruch wark in massiue wall the duris and windowes on the eist syde of his land at the fute of Bethis Wynd toward the nether kirk yaird, and to tak furth the soillis and lintellis that na monument thairof remayne heirafter, becaus the sam is bigget be him aganis all guid nychtbourheid, quhilk gevis him na sic priuelege on that syde of his land, and is hurtfull to the towne in thair property of the said yaird, and the baillies to se this

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ordinance tak effect, and lykewayis to caus the haill landis thair about to be formit in lykemaner conforme to dyuers actis maid thairvpoun of before.

24 *August* 1581.

Nichtbouris that lent the xm merkis.

In presens of the prouest, baillies, and counsale the nichtboures that lent the xm merkis being callit in, and ane lettre sent to thame and the town fra the Kingis Grace desyring in effect that thai wald superseid and prolong the day of payment appoyntit to thame in his Hienes assignatioun to the dewty of the cungyehous being oppinly red vnto thame, thai ansuerit that thai wald haif executioun of the act maid xv Martii 1580, becaus the Kingis Grace wes na debtour to thame, bot the toune; quhairfore this day aucht dayes wes appoyntit for thame to convene of new and forther ordour to be tane heiranent, and in the mean tyme the baillies comptis of the said money and of the extent to be hard and maid.

25 *August* 1581.

Precept, thesaurer, javelour, coillis.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay and avance to Andro Lindsay, javelour, the sowm of ten pund for bying and making prouisioun for coillis aganis the nixt wynter seasoun to serue the guid town and sessioun.

30 *August* 1581.

Dowglas, chairge, gild.

Ordanis Jhone Douglas, tailyeour, to pay to the dene of gild ten schillingis for his falt in raising and drawing of ane young trey in the buriale yarde plantit be the town fornent his hous, and nocht to do the lyke heirefter vnder the paynes of gritt pvnisement.

Miller put to liberty, chairge, thesaurer.

Comperit Gilbert Primrose, James Craig, and James Lindsay, chirurgeanes, and maid fayth that thai had sene the hurt and wound of Howsteane Braikinrig, butterman, gevin him be Rychert Miller, quha hes remanit the dew tyme in waird, and declairit that the said Howsteane is

in na daynger of his lyfe of the said wound, quhairfoir thai ordanit the said Rychert to be putt to liberty vpoun cautioun for his re-entry, at pairties entres haveand entres, and vpoun payment to the towne of fyve pund of bludewyte [and surety was found]. Miller put to liberty, chairge, thesaurer.

8 *September* 1581.

In consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be Margaret and Agnes Inglissis, dochteris to Christiane Falaw, desyring that thair said mother quha is detenit in warde for fornicatioun and wer nocht putt to an oppin schame, to the dishonour of the saidis compleneris hir bairnis, and in respect that sche hes bein licht this viij yeir, sum vther pvnisement wer inputt to hir, ordanis hir to be put in dyngwall induring the townis will the compleneris sustenand hir thair, and Archibald Someruell, butterman, become guid for hir sustentatioun in the said place. Falaw putt in dyngwall.

13 *September* 1581.

Comperit Jhone Henrysoun, dekyn, Rychert Henrysoun, William Diksoun, and Robert Purfes, brether of the flescheour craft of this burgh, and for thame selffis and in name of the rest of thair brether occupearis of the flesche stokis of the said burgh, actit thame selffis to pay to the thesaureris of this burgh for the tyme in name of the guid towne for the maillis of the said flesche stokis of the yeir to cum, the soum of threttie sevin pund, the ane half at Mairtymes nixt, the vther half at Witsounday nixt thairafter. Thesaurer, flescheouris stok maillis.

18 *September* 1581.

James Nicoll, baillie, exhibit and produceit ane mass of lettres direct to the guid [town] fra the factouris of Dieppe in France, quhilk being oppinit and red contenit ane bill fra the saidis factouris concerning the laitt impost laitlie raisit vpoun all Scottis clayth cumand to France be the Kingis fermieris for the seilling and visitatioun thairof, declairing that thai had obtenit ane decreit of the King and his counsale aganis the said Anent the new custome of Scottis clayth in France, factouris in Deip.

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fermier, willing that our natioun suld be als frie in thair trafficque as thai wer wont to be, and chairgeing the saidis fermieris to tak the said custome of his awin subiectis and nocht vpoun our natioun, and thairfor the saidis factouris desyrit the townis testificatioun vnder thair seill of caus avowing thame to be thair seruandis in susteining the liberteis of the cuntrey, and forther desyring ordour to be tane with the nychtbouris cumand thair quha volundlie payis the saidis customes that thai tyne nocht the caus won, as at lenth is contenit in the said bill, and als conteining ane copy of the said decreitt in Fraynce, togidder with the copeis of twa vther lettres in Fraince of the drapieris and fermieris supplicatiounis gevin in to the King of France and for ordour to be tane anent the premissis, ordanis the nichtbouris merchantis to be wairnit and convenit the morne.

19 *September* 1581.

Factouris in Deip, new impost on Scottis clayth.

[The bailies and council] and ane greitt pairt of the merchantis nychtboures of this [burgh,] convenit for ordour to be tane anent the billis cum from Deip concerning the custome of Scottis clayth conforme to the act maid heirvpoun yisterday, ordanis that ane bill be sent to the factouris in Deip thanking thame of travell and paynis, and desyring thame to send the compt of thair expenssis maid in the said caus, togidder with the impost and sowmes vpliftet be thame for rambursing of thair saidis expenssis, and dischairgeing thame of all forther vplifting and exacting of the samyn, and quhair thai desyrit ane testificatioun of thair seruice, continueis the sam to the nixt conventioun of burrowes, quhair thai ordane the said mater to be proponit to the commissioneris of the burrowes; als ordanit ane lettre to be sent to the magestratis of Deip desyring thair concurrance and mantenance of the Kingis sentence and to defend the priueleges of our natioun, and for remeid aganis sic as may preiuge the natioun be thair voluntare payment of the said new impost of the clayth, hes accordet and agreit, and als statutes and ordanis that na merchant or traffiquer pay the said clayth custom quhilk is twa sowlz of ilk pece clayth in ony tyme cuming, inhibiting and dischairgeing thame thairof

vnder the payne of twenty crownis to be tayne of thame, and euery ane of thame, swa oft as thai do the samyn; the quarter thairof to the revelare and apprehendare of thame thairwith, and the rest to the common guid of the burgh but favouris. Factouris in Deip, new impost on Scottis clayth.

27 *September* 1581.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to the clerkis for writting the missiues to the burrowes the sowm of thretty schillingis for thair drink syluer. Precept, thesaurer, clerkis.

29 *September* 1581.

Alexander Legatt, indweller in the Cannogaitt, being accusit for pakking of certane pledding in Leyth, confest the sam and cum in will thairfor, and forther oblist himself to cum and dwell in this burgh at Witsonday nixt and nocht to remane ony langer in the Cannogaitt gif he dwelt in this cuntrey, vnder the payne of j^c li. that he sall mak na merket of his merchandice owtwith ane frie burgh bot bring the sam to this town, vnder the payne of escheitt thairof. Legat involuntate.

4 *October* 1581.

For better convening of the counsale vpoun the ordinar dayes of Wednisday and Fryday in mair frequent assembly, it is statute and ordanit that the counsale bell begyn to ring ane quarter of ane hour before ten houris and to ring quhill the said ten houris be strikken, and quha swa beis absent at the ceissing of the said bell or hour, to pay xviijd., and for the haill day v s., without thai haif speciall licence grantit to thame be the provest or baillies, and ordanis him that sall be ostearius that owlk to collect the said vnlawes, keip the boxe and mak compt thairof, and delyuer the sam to the nixt ostearius of the nixt owlk. Statute for convening of the counsale.

6 *October* 1581.

Proclamatio. fornicatoures.

Statutes and ordanis for swamekill as thair is dyuers persounis of this burgh quha hes fallin in the filthy cryme of fornicatioun, for the quhilk thai haif nother satisfeit the maiestratis nor vnderlyin the discyplyne of the kirk, thairfore to wairn and charge the saidis persounis be oppin proclamatioun that thai compeir and mak thair satisfactioun to the saidis maiestratis, submitt thame selfis to the discyplyne of the kirk betuix this and the fourt day of Nouember nixt, with certificatioun to the saidis persounis gif thai failyie the said cryme being bypast, the paynis contenit in the actis of parliament maid anent fornicatoures sall be execut aganis thame with all rigour; forther that nane pretend ignorance of the guid ordour tane for suppressing of the said vice heirafter, certefeand all persounis, indwellares of this burgh, and vtheris resortand within the samyn quha may happin to fall in the said cryme, that fra the day and daitt heirof the paynis contenit in the said actis of parliament will be extremlie execut aganis thame.

11 *October* 1581.

Precept. thesaurer. Sym, Coninghame.

[The provost, bailies, and council] for caussis and consideratiounis moving thame, gevis and disponis to Peter Cvninghame, seruand to the laird of Lethingtoun, the sowm of ane hundreth pund quhilk wes apprehendit in the handis and possessioun of vmquhill James Grahame and pertening to the guid towne as escheitt throw being of the said James convict of thift before the saidis prouest and baillies and execute to the deid thairfore; and thairfore ordanis Jhone Sym, baillie of the yeir past, to delyuer to the said Peter the sowm of fourty ane pund of the said sowme being in his handis, and siclyke ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to deliuer to the said Peter the rest thairof in his handis extending to the sowm of fyftie nyne pundis, and the sam sall be allowet to the saidis persounis in thair comptis, provyding alwayes that thai caus the said Peter to pay to the officiaris for thair travellis in apprehending and vpbringing of the said vmquhill James furth of Leyth the sowm of foure pund of the reddiest of the saidis sowmes.

13 *October* 1581.

Vnderstanding that the money collectit of the nychtboures for reparatioun of the hospitale wes nocht sufficient to repair the sam, for the quhilk caus and that the wark suld nocht lye idill and decay, Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, had lent to the maisteris of the said hospitale the sowm of ane hundreth pundis, thairfore ordanis the said sowme to be allowet to the said thesaurer in his comptis, and the saidis maisteris of the hospitall to be comptabill thairfore. Precept, thesaurer, hospitall, charge, maisteris of the hospitall.

20 *October* 1581.

The provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and [eight] of the counsale ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chairgeing all nychtbouris hostillares burgessis or indwellares of this burgh that sall resaue ony maner of persoun in lugeing with thame during this present parliament to signifie and gif vp thair names incontinent to the maiestratis, conforme to ane writting direct from the Kingis Graco commanding the sam vnder [the rest is blank]. Proclamatio, hostillares.

Electis, nominatis, and cheissis my lord provost, and Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, commissionares for the guid towne in this parliament to begyn the xxiiij of October instant within this burgh, and ordanis ane commissioun to be direct heirvpoun vnder thair seill of caus in commoun forme. Commissioneris to the parliament.

21 *October* 1581.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to Robert Stewart, maser to the guid towne, the sowm of fourty pund for dyuers considerationis moving thame and for helping and supporting him to by his abulycamentis and claythis for the honour and decoratioun of the towne quhais mase he hes to beir at this present parliament. Precept, thesaurer, Stewart, mase.

27 *October* 1581.

Certane writtis of the towne, Stewartis, vnlaw, Nicoll, Guthre.

[In presence of the provost, bailies, and council] comperit William Stewart, eldare, and producet and delyuerit to thame the writtis and lettres vnderwrittin concerning the guid towne quhilk he had in his handis the tyme he wes clerk deputt, viz.: Ane obligatioun or promeis maid to the guid towne be vmquhill Marie, Quene Dowarier, Regent of this realme for the tyme, of the sowme of j^{c} lxvj li. xiij s. iiijd. and that of the rest of j^{m} li. lent be the towne to Monsier Dosall; Item, ane decreitt obtenit be the towne aganis Leyth vnder the subscriptioun of maister James Fowlis of Colintoun, clerk of register, chairgeing Leyth to desist fra bying of pryssis, etc.: Ane licence gevin be the Quenis Grace to the towne to chaynge the merketis to quhat place of this burgh thai think expedient; Item, lettres of the lordis chairgeing all skipperis, maisteris, and marineris of schipis als weill strayngeris as vtheris that thai tak away na greitt coill vsit for the commoun fyres furth of the realme, at ony tyme heirafter; Lettres for strikking vp of duris in Leyth for nocht selling of thair victuall bot keiping of thame to ane derth; maister Robert Rychertsoun, thesaurers deschairge of the sowme of xij^{c} li. for license to remane at hame fra Fawlay raid; Ane decreitt aganis the inhibitantis of Leyth subscryuit be maister Thomas Marioriebankis, clerk of register, decerning thame to desist and ceis fra pakking, peilling, bying, or selling of walx, wyne, or vther staipill guidis within Leyth or ony vther pairtis within the townis fredome, vnder the payne of j^{c} merkis ilk persoun, etc., and in speciall ane decreitt aganis vmquhill Jhone Wycht for payment of j^{c} merkis for contravening of the decreitt foresaid; Lettres of arreisting of westland heiring and vther fisches transportit be westland men to Leyth for careing out of the realme in schipis, quhilkis lettres thai delyuerit to maister Alexander Guthrie and ordanit to be registrat in the register buik and putt in the chairterhous, and in respect heirof and of the said Williams guid seruice thai remittit to him his vnlaw of fyve pund for breking of the statutes in selling deir wyne, and ordanit James Nicoll quha poyndat thairfore, as baillie for the tyme, to rander the poynd, and promieissis to se James satisfeit and relevit thairof, in respect that as he declairit he had debursit the said vnlaw.

Ordanis Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, to pay to Robert Ker, baillie, the sowm of fourty sex schillingis aucht d. debursit be him in the townis effairis in defence of the pley of the Grenesyde. Precept, collectour, Ker, baillie.

It wes desyrit of thame [the council] be Jhone Catheart of Carriltoun, that license micht be grantit be thame to Jhone Dury, minister, to pas in the westland for making of amity and reconciliatioun of dyueris deidly feidis standing in thais pairtis; for ansuer thairto, they referrit the said mater to the kirk of this burgh, and declairit gif thai fand the sam expedient, the said provest, baillies, and counsall wuld consent thairto. Dury, minister, Catheart.

3 *November* 1581.

[The bailies and council] ordanis the actis maid of before anent the flescheouris and anent the selling of skynis and hydis to be proclamit and publist throw this burgh as followis: That all maner of flescheoures fremen and of the land merkett in this burgh in all tyme cuming bring and present all thair flesche sic as beif, mwttoun, veill, or siclyke bestiall to be sawld in option merkett and nocht hurdit in thair buithis to derth the merketis, and that the said flesche haif the hyde stikking with the carcage and the skyn with the bowlk or layit hard bye quhair the samyn hingis or lyis, vnder the payne of escheitt of the said carcages. Siclyke that the said flescheoures flay all thair scheip in tyme cuming vp throw the haill craig to the lugis swa that the lug stik with the skyn, and nother pluk the woll of the halis wambe nor vther pairt nor yitt to diminische the skyn or hyde be cutting of ony sic pairt as thai call the tarleyer, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the said skynis and hydis to the townis vse and pvnesing of the auner or sellare in thair body and guidis at the will of the maiestratis for thair falsett. Item, that nane of the saidis skynis or hyddis be hid in houssis or sawld thairin, bot to be brocht to the oppin mercattis thair to be sawld and in na vther place, vnder the payne of escheitt of the samyn, and als that na merchantis and vtheris that lykis to bye ony skynnis or hydis fra the flescheoures gif Proclamatio, flescheouris, skynis and hydis.

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arles or avance money to thame, or by thair slawchter skynis or hyddis before hand, or yitt pas to the saidis flescheoures houssis to by ony thairof, but that thai suffer the samyn to be brocht to the commoun and oppin merkett thair to be indifferently sawld as said is, vnder the payne of fyve pund to be tane of the saidis merchantis sua oft as thai failyie.

Precept, thesaurer, colsayes.

Vnderstanding that Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, hes causit repair the brokin calsaye and hoillis at the Kirk of Feild port within the samyn, and at the new well, and mend the brokin places in Leyth Wynd, as alswa hes eikit and enlairgeit the lang calsay betuix this and Leyth and menditt sindry hoillis and brokin places of the samyn to the greitt weill of the towne and all our Souerane Lordis lieges, and yitt thair is na warrand grantit to him for the expenssis maid thairvpoun, fyndis the saidis warkis to haif bene maist necessar and proffitabill and thairfore ordanis the expenssis and chairges maid vpoun the samyn to be allowet to the said thesaurer in his comptis.

Precept, thesaurer, towne wall.

Ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus cast to the red to the new wall betuix the Blackfreir blokhous and the Cowgaitt Port, and fill vp the voyde and hoillis howkit vnder the said wall to the apperand ruine and decay thairof.

10 *November* 1581.

Precept, thesaurer, Smyth, gild officer.

Ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Jhone Smythe, gild officer, for his seruice and furnesing of candill at the last conventioun of burrowes within this burgh, the sowme of twa merk.

15 *November* 1581.

Precept, thesaurer, Warkman.

Ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Dauid Warkman, paynter, the sowm of twenty four merk for paynting of the ruif of the inner tolbuith of the lordis and aboue the chymnay thairof.

Ordanis the thesaurer with [*blank*] to pas to Leyth on Tysday nixt and rowpe and sett the west linkis of Leyth and Littill Londoun to sic as will bid maist thairfore, and to collect and ingadder the few mailles and flesche stok maillis of Leyth and caus the sam be payit to the said thesaurer. West linkis, Littill Londoun, Leyth.

24 *November* 1581.

The baillies, dene of gild, and [council] ordanis the thesaurer, Jhonne Robertsoun, to pay to Robert Ker, baillie, the sowm of sevin schilling sex penneis debursit be the said Robert in the townis effairis for copy of ane lettre, and the sam sall be allowit to the said thesaurer in his comptis: and siclyke fyndis the said thesaurer to haif debursit in the townis effairis and at command of the baillies the sowme of twenty schillingis to the maseris at the obteining of ane decreitt before the secreitt counsale be the towne aganis the constabill and his deputtis concerning the constabill fies at the parliament, and als ten schillingis gevin be him to the swescheouris the first day of the parliament. Precept, thesaurer, Ker, maseris, swescheouris.

13 *December* 1581.

Ordanis thair officiaris to pas and chairge Adame Yule, at the West Port, to remoue and tak away his middingis and fulyie lyand vpoun the calsay and hie streitt fornent the land of Orcherfeild, and mak the said gaitt frie thairof within xx dayes nixt efter the said chairge, vnder the payne of escheitt of the samyn and disponing thairvpoun at the will and plesure of the guid towne; and als ordanis all vtheris that hes any fuilyie vpoun the said streittis and commoun passages to be chargit in lyke maner to remoue the samyn vnder the paynes foresaidis. Yule, fuilyie on the hie streittis.

20 *December* 1581.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thessaurer, to pay to Androw Lindsay, javelour, the sowm of twenty schillingis for coillis and candill furnist be him extraordinarly in the last conventioun of burrowes. Precept, thesaurer, javellour.

22 *December* 1581.

[The provost, bailies, and council,] ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Androw Sclater ane of the maisteris of the new Precept, thesaurer, hospitale, charge, Sclater.

Precept, thesaurer, hospitale, charge, Sclater.

hospitale, the sowm of fourty pund debursitt be him for bying of sclaittis to the theiking and reparatioun of the said hospitale.

29 *December* 1581.

Statute, fermoreris of the mesures of Leyth.

[The provost, bailies, and council] vpoun consideratioun of the complaynt maid be Archibald Jhonestoun, fermorer to the guid towne of thair mettis and mesouris of Leyth, aganes Jhone Thomsoun, Dauid Waldy, Adame Thomesoun, and certane vtheris maltmen of Leyth, for bying and resaving of thair beir and vther stufe with thair awin mesouris and nocht metting the samyn with the townis commoun mesoures in defraud of the said fermorer; for ane generall ordour to [be] kepit in tyme cuming, statutes and ordanis that all victuallis resauet be the said maltmen or vtheris furth of the cuntrey and mett in Leyth, sall at the resaving pay to the said fermoreris and all vtheris fermoreris of the said mesouris the dewty and custome of mettage vsit and wont thairfore.

17 *January* 1581-2.

Galbrayth.

The foirsaidis prouest, baillies, and counsale in consideratioune of the dampnage and skayth sustenit be Edward Galbrayth, skynnare, throw demolissing be certane wickit persones as yet vnknawin of the stane wolle and hous laitlie biggit be him at the clovs and ryn of the burrow loch, and for helping and supporting of him to repaire and big the samyn of new in mair substantious maner, thairfoire willing liberalie permittis and consentis to giwe and delyuer to the said Edward the soume of fiftye merkis for the pairt of the merchantis of this burghe, besyde and attowre vther fyftie merkis promittit to hym be the craftis owt of their particulare box.

24 *January* 1581-2.

Precept, thesaurer, towne wall, bulwark.

[The bailies and council] ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus big vp and repair with all diligence possibill that pairt of the towne wall vpoun the castell bank laitlie decayit and fallin downe, and to agrie with the warkmen be the avyse of the said dene of gild, Andrew Sclater, and Alexander Vddert, the best cheip he may, and siclyke ordanis him to

caus help and repair that pairt of the north bulwark in Leyth laitlie schott and apperande to decay, and to vse the avyse of sic of the counsall as he fyndis guid. Precept, thesaurer, leyne wall, bulwark.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus register afoir the lordis of sessioun the obligatioun maid to the guid towne be certane lordis of secreitt counsale for rambursing to the guid towne of the x^m merkis lent to the Kingis Grace, and to raise and extract the sam and caus it be putt to executioun. Precept, thesaurer, lordis obligatioun of x^m merkis.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay and deliuer to twa Spaynyartis callit Jhone Denys and Jhone Crego, quha wes pilleit be certane piratis and left on land in the west cuntrey, and the baillies to refound the said sowme agane to the said thesaurer of the rediest of the vnlawes of the tavernis or vtheris vnlawes to be vpliftit be thame. Precept, thesaurer, twa Spaynyartis.

26 *January* 1581-2.

Jhone Gilleis, doctour in Jhone Blakis schole, oblist himself nocht to pas in mwmschance after supper to mak playes or vse sielyke vaniteis heirafter, vnder the payne of banesing the toune. Gilleis.

2 *February* 1581-2.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus mak ane portell dur of aik with all necessaris thairto in the hous in the kirkyaird occupeit be maister Walter Balcanquell, minister, and sielyke to caus mak to maister James Lowsoun, minister, in the hous occupeit be him ane press with ane lang saidill thairin, and the foirface to be of estland buird, and to pairt furneis all necessaris thairto, als to mak and putt vp ane glas window in his laich kitcheing. Precept, thesaurer, ministeris hous.

7 *February* 1581-2.

In presens of the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and [council] comperit Jhone Henrysoun, younger, and confest and grantit him to haif resauit in name of James Ros, merchant, fermorer to the guid toun of thair Mettis, mesauris, Jhonestoun, Ros, thesaurer

Mettis, mesouris, Jhonestoun, Ros, thesaurer.

pittie customes of this burgh and mettis and mesouris thairof, fra Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, fourty awcht firlettis, and fourty pekis new maid be the said thesaurer and all sufficientlie bandit with irne; and siclyke Archibald Jhonestoun, fermorer of the mettis and mesouris of Leyth, grantit him to haif resauet fra the said thesaurer fyftein new firlettis all sufficientlie bandet with irne, and bayth the saidis persounis oblist thame to mak the said mesouris furthcumand to the guid towne, quhairvpoun the said thesaurer askit instrumentis.

14 *February* 1581-2.

Precept, thesaurer, ministeris stipendis.

The baillies and counsale [and deacons of crafts] ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, the soume of sex hundreth merkis for supplement of the kirk annuellis in payment of the ministeris stipendis.

16 *February* 1581-2.

Precept, collectour, Kirk of Feild.

[The bailies and council] ordanis Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, to caus dyke in the waist grund at the eist end of the duikis lugeing besyde the Kirk of Feild.

28 *February* 1581-2.

Anent the payment of the xm merk for the superiority of Leyth.

The baillies and counsale, [and deacons of crafts] for thame selffis and thair successouris, prouest, baillies, counsale, and deykinis of craftis of the said burgh, being of guid mynd to tak ordour for payment of the nicht-boures of this burgh, merchantis and craftismen, quha lent and avanceit any pairt of the sowme of ten thousand markis vpon the superiority of Leyth, conform to the taxt rollis sett furth thairvpoun in the moneth of September the yeir of God jm vc lxv yeiris, and dyvers actis followand thairafter contenit in the counsale buik of the said burgh, hes accordet, agreit, and als ordanit as followes:—First, vnderstanding the men of law hes resauit the sowme of allevin hundreth sextein pund, threttein schillingis, foure penneis avanceit be thame to the guid towne of the said xm merkis, and that the craftis avanceit ane thousand, thre hundreth, fourty sevin pund, aucht schillingis of the said sowme quhairof thai haif resauit fyve

hundreth merkis swa restis awand thame the sowme of [*blank*], the rest wes avanceit be the nichtboures merchantis extending to [*blank*] quhairof thai haif resauit na payment, that thairfore the saidis craftis sall haif payit yeirlie to thame the sowme of fyve hundreth and sevin markis and the saidis merchantis twa thousand ane hundreth and ane merk yeirlie makand in the haill the sowme of twenty sex hundreth and aucht merkis yeirlie ay and quhill the saidis merchantis and craftismen be compleitlie payit; quhilk sowme of twenty sex hundreth and aucht merkis sall be payet of the readiest of the yeirlie rent of the commoun mylnis of the said burgh quarterlie at Candilmes, Beltane, Lambes, and Alhallomes, begynnand the first termes payment at this last Candilmes, the payment to be maid to ane collectour to be chosin for the pairt of the merchantis be the counsale, and to ane vther collectour for the pairt of the craftis to be nominat and chosin be thame and the said collectouris for the merchantis to ramburse the nichtbouris haevand guid richt thair particulare sowmes conforme to the said taxt rollis, and to report thair acquittances thairvpoun for the townes releif and thair awin, as alswa to mak his comptis yeirlie of the sowmes resauit be him, at the tymes of the making of the townis comptis; and for suir payment be the guid towne of the said sowmes ordanis and als commandis and chairges thair thesawreris present and to cum to answer, obey, and mak thankfull payment at the said termes to the said collectouris, and the said thesaureris to retene swamekill of the commoun rent in their handis to that effect; quhilk payment sall be thankfully allowet to thame in thair comptis thai produceand and deliuering sufficient acquittances of the said collectouris. And fynallie gif the rest of the commoun rent sall nocht serue to the commoun effaires of the towne, the saides prouest, baillies, counsall, and deykinis for thame selffis and thair successouris foresaidis, consentit and ordanit that ane taxt be raisit thairfore of the haill body of the towne swa that the nichtboures may still resaue payment quhill thai be satiffeit but ony dispensatioun with thir presents in the meane tyme for it is na guid ressoun that the rest of the towne quha buir na burding of the said avancement suld be relevit with the money appoyntit to pay the said nichtbouris.

Anent the payment of the xiii merk for the superiority of Leyth.

2 *March* 1581-2.

Precept, thesaurer, Andro, actis of parliament, Chairteris, Scherp, ministeris lugeing.

[The bailies and council] ordanis to be allowet to Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, in his comptis the sowme of a threttie schilling pece gevin be him to Jhone Andro, clerk to the secreitt counsale, for making the townis bill anent the wynes tane fra the nichtbouris be the Kingis Grace sumlieris, als sex schillingis aucht penneis gevin in drink syluer; item, ordanis the said thesaurer to bye the laitt actis of parliament laitlie prentit, to caus bynd and delyuer the sam to the clerk; item, to delyuer to Henry Charteris ane auld ayngell nobill gevin be him to maister Jhone Scherp, in name of the towne for forming the townis protestatiounis againis the actis of parliament concerning the customes and clething; item, to caus repair the chymnay heid of the nether kitcheing in the hous occupeit be maister James Lowsoun, minister.

7 *March* 1581-2.

Precept, thesaurer, Dury, ministeris lugeing.

[The bailies and council] ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay and delyuer to Jhone Dury, minister, the sowme of twenty [*blank*] merk to be employet be the said Jhone on syllering with daillis of the over chalmer of the house occupeit be him.

9 *March* 1581-2.

Precept, gild, kirkyaird.

[The bailies and council] ordanis Jhone Harwod, dene of gild, to caus repair the dykis of the nether kirkyaird, and to mak ane weiket to the vtter yett of the over yaird and furneis all necessar requeset.

4 *April* 1582.

Making of ane regester of the extent rollis, precept, thesaurer.

[The bailies and council] vnderstanding the greitt inconvenientis sustenit be the towne in tymes past for want of ane register of thair rollis of all bygane extentis, for be ressoun that the principall rollis beand pairtit and gevin furth amangis the officiaris quhairof sum ar depairtit and sum hes tynt the said rollis, it is nocht possibill to atteyne to ane perfyte compt of the restis thairof in the handis of the baillies or officiaris; for escheuing of the lyke inconvenientis in tymes cuming, ordainis ane register buik to

be maid of all extentis rollis in tyme cuming, and the clerkis to insert and register thairinto the said rollis, and ane extract thairof to be gevin and delyuerit to the officiaris vnder the subscriptioun of the said clerk, and to begyn the said buik with this last extent rollis of the extent of xxxiij. merkis, and ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus mak the said buik and delyuer the samyn to the clerkis to the said effect.

Making of ane register of the extent rollis, precept, thesaurer.

Jhonn Moresoun, baillie, Jhonn Harwod, dene of gild, Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer [and the council] anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be Henry Chairteris, baillie, Jhonn Gibsoun, buikbinder, for thame selflis and in name of the remanend nychtbouris burgesses and fremen of the burgh, leivand be the trafficque of selling and binding of buikis, vpoun Mr. Jhonn Cowper, seruand to Thomas Vantrollier, prenter and straynger, makand mentioun that quhair it is nocht only provydet be ancient lawes, customes, and priuelegeis maid in favouris of burgesses and fremen of burrowes, and for vphalding of thair estaitt, but als be speciall actis and statutes of this burgh, with continuall possessioun followand thairvpoun, that na strayngeris or vnfremen may top or sell in smallis within the fredome of the burgh ony kynd of merchandice or wairis, vther wayes it were nocht possibill to frie burgessis to leif and ber chairges with the burgh, and better it wer to be vnfrie than frie, for gritter is thair skayth and gritter is the vnfremenis commodity than vtheris: And it is of verity that Thomas Vatrollier, prenter, beand ane straynger and vnfrieman, hes thir dyuers yeiris bygane, be him selff and his seruandis, and speciallie be the said maister Jhonn quha is lykewayes ane vnfreman, toppit and sauld within this burgh all maner of buikis in smallis, and lykwayes bindis the sam contrair to the priuelegeis of the burgh, and to our intollerabill damnage, quha hes na vther tred quhairby we and our famelies are sustenit, he bering na charges whatenir, and we watcheing wairding and extenting at all tymes, as at lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun,—the said Henry Charteris and Jhonn Gibsoun on the ane pairt, and the said maister Jhonn Cowper on the vther pairt, comperand personally in jugement thair ressonis and allegatiounis hard and vnderstand,—the saidis baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsall decernis

Chairteris, Gibsoun, Cowper.

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and ordanis the said maister Jhonn Cowper to desist and ceis fra all topping and selling in smallis of ony maner of buikis in tymes cuming within this burgh and fredome thairof, becaus the said maister Jhonn culd shaw na ressonabill caus in the contrair.

18 *April* 1582.

Burrowes lettres to Sanct Johnestoun, schipis to Deip.

Ordanis lettres missiues to be sent to the burgh of Sanct Jhonestoun quhair the nixt conventioun of burrowes is appoyntit, desyring thame to writt of new to the burrowes and remember thame of dyueris heidis omittit furth of thair lettres, quhilk ar anent the expenssis of the nychtbouris of this burgh quha wes wairdet be vmquhill Erle of Mortoun; anent the xij$_c$ merk awand to the towne be the burrowes; anent the alteratioun of the Kingis customes, and to that effect to send thame the copy of the rollis to avyse thairwith; and last anent the new customes raisit vpoun all Scottis guidis in France: and to desyre all burrowes to stay thair schipis in passing to Deip, to the effect the said nouatioun be nocht putt in practise quhill ane ordour may be tane thairwith, and in the meane tyme ordanis the dene of gild of this burgh lykewayes to fraucht na schippis thairto, nor enter thame in the townis buikis.

2 *May* 1582.

Rex, Dik, baillie.

My lord prouest producet ane lettre from the Kingis Grace, off the quhilk the tenour followis:—Rex. Prouest, baillies, and counsale of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt you weill. The manefest contempt and disobedience schawin be Gilbert Dik, baillie of your towne, to our commissioun and lettre verefeit and provin before ws and our counsall be the indorsatioun of the officiare executour thairof, being sa vnsemelie for a man in office and careing with it a dayngerous exampill to vtheris our guid subiectis to attempt the lyke rebellioun, gyf this suld be misregairdit and vnpvnist; thairfore we haif thocht guid, for exemplis caus, to lett him be removit from that publict chairge and office quhilk he hes swa abusit, and to command yow be the present to convene your self incontinent the sicht heirof and to depose him thairof and chuse some vther in his rowme

to supplie his place this present yeir and in all tyme to cum, to putt him of the lyttis of ony publiet office ay and quhill ye vnderstand our contrare will and plesure in his behalf, as ye will ansuer to ws vpoun your obedience, keping this present for your warrand. Subscryuet with our hand at Streveling castell, the last day of Aprile 1582. James R. Lennox, Arrane: quhilk beand red and considerit, the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall appoyntis my lord prouest, Robert Ker, baillie, James Adamsoun, Michael Gilbert, Alexander Vddert, and Alexander Scott to pas to Dalkeyth to the Duik of Lenox and intreatt with him concerning the said lettre and for dischairgeing thairof, becaus it is preiudiciall to the liberteis of the towne.

Rex, Duik, baillie.

Ordanis Jhone Moresoun, baillie, Jhone Fairlie, and Thomas Miller to pas and visy the burrow loch quhair the guid towne is hurt in thair possessioun and priuelegeis thairof, and to caus to dam the rynning thairof.

Burrow loch.

Ordanis the thesauris of the yeiris bypast to be callit to compt and chairget with thair intromissioun with the maillis of the tolbuith of Leyth, flesche stokis, and bak houssis thairof, the yeiris of thair offices, becaus it is vnderstand thai haif intromett with mair nor thai gaif vp in thair thesaureris comptis.

Maillis of the tolbuith of Leyth, auld thesaureris.

4 *May* 1582.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis the haill Norway tymmer quhilk is to come in at Leyth this present yeir, to be placeit and layit besyde the schore in the place callit the burse, and in the houssis callit Littill Londoun, and siclyke ordanit the baillies with all diligence to putt the maltmen and taverneris to the knawlege of ane assyse for breking of the statutes, and collect and inbring thair vnlawes to be imployit on the commoun warkis.

Tymmer at Leyth.

Taverneris, maltmen.

Fyndis the watter mettis and land mettis of this burgh seruing at thair port and heavin of Leyth, to be awld, worn, and decayet, and thairfore

Precept, thesaurer, mesouris of Leyth.

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ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus renew and mak ower the sam conform to the awld just mesour of the realme in straiket mett, stark guid and sufficient with bandis of irne, and handis for lifting thairof, and to be half boll mettis, to witt, ane sort of watter mett to serue for the quheitt, rye, peyis, beynis, and salt; and the vther sort of watter mesour to serue for beir and aittis, of ilk sort twa; and for the land mett siclyke, and of ilk sort ane principall or patrone mesour to be maid and putt in the chairterhous with the mesour of Linlythgow quhilk seruis to the mercattis of this burgh. * * *

1 *June* 1582.

Precept, Ker, baillie, chairge, thesaurer, maltmenis vnlawes.

Ordanis Robert Ker, baillie, to pay and delyuer to Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, the vnlawes of the baxteris for nocht having of new furlottis conform to the townis act, the said vnlawes extending to twenty pund, and the sam to be imployet in repairing of the calsayes at Plesance.

8 *June* 1582.

[Of this date there is recorded the following Act of the Secret Council.]

Abbot of Kinlos, villa, cawtioneris for the town, act of secreitt counsall

Apud Castrum de Striueling xj die mensis Aprilis anno domini, j^{m} v^{c} lxxxij. The quhilk day, in presens of the Lordis of Secreitt Counsall, Alexander Clerk of Balbirnie, prouest of Edinburgh [two bailies and six burgesses of the burgh] become actit and oblist coniunctlie and seuerallie that the saidis prouest, baillies, counsale, and communitie sall persew and do thair vtter and exact diligence for recoverie of the sowme of aucht thousand merkis fra Walter Abbot of Kinlos and vtheris addettit in payment thairof, quhilk vmquhill Robert Bischop of Orknay in his testament and latter will left for founding of ane college within the burgh of Edinburgh for exerceis of leirning thairinto, and the samyn being recouerit be thame according to the power to be gevin to thame be the Kingis Maiestie with avyse of the lordis of secreitt counsale, that thai sall bestow the samyn to the vse abouementionat, according to the will of the deid within the space of ane yeir nixt thairafter but langer delay. * * *

13 *June* 1582.

Ordanis Johne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Robert Ker, baillie, the sowm of threttein schillingis foure penneis for hors hyre, and nyne schilling aucht penneis for meitt and drink, debursit be him for himself and Thomas Miller in thair passing to Dalkeyth, on Sonday last, in the townis effairis anent the banketting of the Duik of Gwis seruandis.

Precept, thesaurer, Ker, baillie.

15 *June* 1582.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Andro Landellis, mylne wricht in Markinche, the sowm of thre pund for his expenssis in cuming to this burgh and remayning thairin the tyme the town wes to contract with him for repairing of thair mylnis; item, to pay to my lord prouest ten schillingis debursit be his lordship for sending for the said Andro; item, to pay to his lordship fyftie schillingis for bying of twa hammis and thair furnesing to the preparatioun of the bankett quhilk suld haif bene maid to the seruandis of the Duik Gweis; item, to pay to James Adamsoun iiij s. debursit for sending for Mungo Ros, baxter, for the said bankett; item, ordanes the said thesaurer to pay to the persones following the sowmes after mentionat debursit be thame in thair expenssis for thame selffes, my lord prouest, and dyueris nychtbouris, merchantys, and craftismen quha past to Dalkeith on Tysday last to the Kingis Grace in the tounes effaires speciallie for the nychtbouris laitlie exylit, viz:—to pay to Alexander Stewart, for iij hors hyre to the prouest and his seruandes, and twa hors to James Adamsoun and maister Alexander Guthree, xxxiij s. iiij d.; item, for hors hyre, meit, and boyes, and a quart aill, and ane breid, viij s. vj d.; item, for dyueris honest nychtbouris denneris v li. vij s.; item, to pay to Mungo Russell for certane of the craftys denneris xxxviij s.; item, for viij hors hyre to certane nychtbouris of the craftys, four merk.

Precept, thesaurer, Landellys, provest, Dalkeith.

Ordained that no higher prices than the following be charged:—18 oz. loaf, 6d.; malt £6, 13s. 4d. for 'ix furlettis auld messour'; ale 7d. the pint

Proclamatio breid, malt, aill.

6 *July* 1582.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis William Littill, Andro Sclater, and the thesaurer, Jhone Robertsoun, to caus big, clenge, and

Precept, thesaurer, well in the castell bank.

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repair the well in the castell bank, and the thesaurer to mak the expenssis thairof, and to avance the sowm of threttie li. to the said William and Andro for doing thairof.

Commissioneris with the kirk to Sanct Jhonestoun.

Ordanis Jhone Aichesoun, and Jhone Adamsoun to pas to Sanct Jhonestoun to the Kingis Grace, with James Lowsoun, to travell and concur with him in the effairis of the kirk, and thai lykwayes to haif power to travell anent the downgitting of the justice air.

1 *August* 1582.

Commissio, Ramsay to tak vp men of weir.

Comperit capitane Henry Ramsay quha producet the commissioun vnderwrittin, of the quhilk the tenour followes:—James be the Grace of God, King of Scottis, to all and sindry our lieges and subiectis quhome it efferis, to quhais knawlege thir present lettres sall cum greting. Witt ye ws to haif gevin and grantit and committit, and be the tenour of thir present lettres with avyse of the lordis of our secreitt counsall, gevis, grantis, and committis our power and commissioun to our weilbelouet Henry Ramsay, to levie and tak vp within our realm ane band of twa hundreth futemen of weir, and to pas with the sam furth of the sam realm to the pairties beyond sey for seruing of our freindis and confederatis, ower the quhilkis we mak and constitute him cheif capitane and commander, with power to him to caus strik ane drumin quhatsumeuir pairt of our realm, and to elect lieutennent and vther officiaris and memberis of his said band neidfull, and generallie all vther thingis to do and vse that for executioun of the premissis is necessarlie requyret to be done, for the quhilk we will and grantis that the said Henry Ramsay sall incur na paynes, skayth, or daynger in his persoun, landis, or guidis be ony maner of way in tyme cuming, nochtwithstanding ony our actis, statutes, or constitutiounis quhatsumeuir maid or to be maid in the contrair, anent the quhilkis and paynis contenit thairinto we dispense be thir presentis, dischairgeing heirfore all and sindry our juges and ministeris of lawes, and specially our prouest and baillies of burrowes, thair deputis and officiaris, of all stopping, trubling, impediment making to the said Henry in leveing and transport-

ing of the said men of weir in maner and to the effect foresaid, as thai will ansuer to ws vpoun thair obedience and of thair offices in that pairt. Gevin vnder our signett and subscryuet with our hand at Perth the xxvj day of July, and of our regne the fyftein year 1582. James R. Lennox, Crawfurd; and on the bak thairof, apud Perth xxvj July, anno etc. lxxxij. Sederunt:—Lennox, Crawfurd, Montroyis, Downe, comptroller, Clerk of Register, Justice Clerk. Red, past, and allowet in counsall. James Androw. In respect quhairof the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall grantis and permittis the said capitaine to raise the said men of weir within the fredom of this burgh and strik his drum throw the sam, conform to the said commission quhilk thay ordanit to be registrat in thair buikis for the townis warrand.

Commissio, Ramsay to tak vp men of weir.

The foresaidis prouest, baillies, and counsall and * * deykinis of craftis, grantis, gevis, and disponis to James Henrysoun, lawfull sone to vmquhill Edward Henrysoun, the office of the maister of the sang schole of the said burgh and taikin vp of the psalmes in the kirk, now vacand in thair handis and at thair dispositioun be the dimissioun of maister Androw Buchane last maister thairof, to be peaceblie bruiket and sysit be the said James induring thair guid willis allanerly, with all proffeittis, dewteis, and casualteis belanging thairto, sielyke as the said vmquhill Andro had the sam of before, saiffand that thai gif and assignis to the said James the sowm of ten pund onely for his stipend, and to be payit to him be thair thesaureris present and to cum, and to haif the occupatioun of the hous and land besyde Sanct Paules wark, presently occupeit be him and that mail frie in contentatioun of his scholehous maill, sa lang as it sall pleis the guid town to suffer him to occupy the sam, and quhen thai sall remoue him thairfra to augment his stipend for the sam.

Dispositioun of the office of the maister of the Sang Schole to Henrysoun.

10 *August* 1582.

The baillies and counsall ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to cause repair and mend the ringis and makfastis on the schore of Leyth for seruing and halding of the schipis.

Precept, thesaurer, schore of Leyth.

24 *August* 1582.

Watche in the stepill, gild.

[The provost, bailies, and council] in respect of the apperand trubill and commotioun in the cuntrie and amangis the nobilitie, ordanis the dene of gild to fie four habill men and place them in the stepill for gairding and keping thairof, tua of thame to serue for the day, and twa for the nycht, and to agre for thair wadges.

Watche, proclamatioun, men of weir, hostilleris.

The prouest, baillies, and counsall, with ane greitt pairt of the deykinis, ordanes ane scailt watche to be kepit bayth day and nycht in the town, ane quarter euery xxiiij houris, and that ilk persoun that is haill and present watche in his awin persoun, and als that proclamatioun be maid chargeing all men of weir to pas of the town, and that all hostilleris gif vp to the baillies the names of the persounis ludgeand with thame, vnder the payne of [*blank*] to be tane of thame that failyeis.

25 *August* 1582.

Duik of Lenenox demandis of the towne, and ansuer thairto.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] comperit Esme, Duik of Lenenox, with certane of the nobility and barones of Louthian quhair the said Duik, be maister Dauid M'Gill his interpretour, after declaratioun of his guid will and mynd to the Kingis Grace, relligioun and haill body of the realme schew and allegeit that the Kingis Grace was tane and detenit agane his will be certan of the nobility, to witt, the Erles of Gowrie, Mar, and Maister of Glammis, and vtheris, quhairvpoun thair wes apperant trublis to aryse, for the quhilk caus he desyrit the guid toun to concur with him and writt to the barones heirabout to convene in this burgh and gif thair avyse in this mater, nixt desyrit that he mycht mak publicatioun be oppin proclamatioun of his procedings in this realm sen his first cuming thairto, last that gif his aduersares suld purches charges fra the Kingis Grace to the town for his hurt or to tak and apprehend him, quhat wald be the townes pairt; quhilk being declarit, the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall tuik thame to thair avysement thairwith, and the said Duik being depairtit to his lugeing with his compane, the saidis prouest, baillies, counsall, and deykinis after delibera-

tioun concludit to ansuer to the first heid that thai culd nocht writt to the barones becaus thai wer nocht in vse thairof, and, gif his grace wrott to thame or ony vtheris, to desyre that na greitt forces suld repair to the town, and ilk nobillman or gentilman to cum with his awin houshald allanerly; to the nixt heid, that quhen the Duik had schawin to thame in writt the forme of his declaratioun, thai wald gif him ansuer thairto; as to the last, thai culd nocht be resoluet thairwith before thai knew of the estaitt of the Kingis Maiestie, and it beand knawin that his Maiestie is at libertie thai man obey his will and plesour, gif he be detenit thai will acknawlege na chairges: and this ansuer thai appoyntet my lord prouest and sum vtheris to pas and schaw to his lordship.

Duik of Lenenox demandis of the towne, and ansuer thairto.

27 *August* 1582.

The foresaidis prouest, baillies, counsall, and dekynis maid and sett furth the statute vnderwrittin, and ordanet the sam to be proclamet be sound of trumpett at the mercat croce of this burgh, to witt:—Forswamekill as our Souerane Lord the Kingis Maiestie, vpoun occasioun of this apperand trubill and vnquyetnes within the realm, hes gevin speciall directioun and command to the prouest and baillies of this burgh to tak ordour for the suir keping of the towne and placeing of sic watche at euery port thairof and vther places neidfull, bayth day and nicht, as may assure the sam fra the surpryse of ony forane powers, and in the mean tyme to suffer na hakbuteris or vther men of weir to be, ather oppinly be sound of drum, or privatlie, leveit and tane vp to ony mannis behufe within the sam, and to refuis entrie or acces to quhatsumeuir extraordinar poweris and greitt cumpaneis of men in airmis that thai may nocht command; for the quhilk caus the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall hes appoyntit ane stark watche to be had and keipit fra this tyme furth of the nichtbouris of this burgh, ane quarter thairof ilk xxiiij houris, begynnand this nicht at the south west quarter to be sett at sex houris at evin, and swa furth throw the rest of the town, to convene and keip gaird at the flesche mercatt, and ane pairt to be putt to the portis and vther places neidfull: Quhairfore I command and chairge in our Souerane Lordis name, and in name and behalf of the prouest and baillies of the said burgh, that all the nichtbouris of the samyn,

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burgessis and friemen and vtheris, be reddy to convene be thair quarteris at the said houris, as thai sall be wairnet be sound of swesche to the said watches, the persounis present and haill in body to watche in propir persounis, sic as ar sik or absent to send in thair place ane habill man weill airmit, vnder the payne of xviij s. vnforgevin ilk persoun swa oft as thai failyie, and that thai obey the command and directiounis of the maiestratis, or sic as thai sall appoynt ower the watche, siclyke that all that ar nocht on the watche haif thair armour in reddynes in thair houssis and foirbuithis, lang wappounis or hakbutis, and that ilk persoun weir his sword about him and schaw himselff willing and reddy in defence of the town and stayncheing of tumultis, vnder the said payne.

Attour, I command and charge in our Souerane Lordis name, and in name and behalf foresaid, that na maner of persounis by and attour the nychtbouris of the burgh, weir jakis or vther airmour, beir pistulis, hakbutis or ony vther fyre wark, and that na capitanes or vtheris presum or attempt in tyme cuming to levie or raise ony men of weir priuatlie or oppinlie within the fredome of this burgh to the behuif of ony man, without speciall licence of the Kingis Maiestie to be obtenit and grantit after the daitt heirof, and without the speciall knawlege of the maiestratis of the said burgh, vnder the payne of imprisounment of thair persounis, bayth capitanis and sowldiouris, quhill the Kingis Maiestie declair his will vpoun thame. Last, that na strayngeris, gentilmen or vtheris, be fund walkand throw the hie streitis or owtwith thair lugeingis after ix houris at evin, vnder the payne of imprisonment and pvnissing of thair persounis at the will of the maiestratis.

Kingis Maiesteis lettre anent his customes, to Gourlaw, customer.

William Littill, commissioner direct to Sanct Jhoneston to the Kingis Maiestie, producet his Hienes lettre to the town, togidder with ane lettre anent the customes, quhilk the saidis prouest, baillies, and counsall ordanit to be registrat in thair buikis, of the quhilk the tenour followes:—Followes the tenour of the said lettre anent the customes:—Rex. Robert Gourlaw, customer of Edinburgh and clerk of the coquett thairof, we greitt yow weill. It is our will and we command yow that ye resaue custome

pas coquettis to all our subiectis offerand to custome thair guidis within the fredome of our said burgh according to the vse and wont obseuret thir xx yeiris bygane and mair, ay and quhill thair be ane finall and resolute ordour appoyntit be sic as we sall direct to accord with the commissioneris of our burrowes thairanent, nochtwithstanding ony directioun gevin be the auditouris of our Chekker, dispensand thairwith in the meane tyme quhill the tent day of Nouember nixtocum, agane the quhilk day we will the commissioneris of burrowes nominat for this effect to convene at our burgh of Edinburgh, and to proceid in conference and taking of the said fynall ordour. Subscryuet with our hand at Perth the xxv. day of August 1582, and of our regne the xvj yeir, James R. Lenox, Gowry.

Kingis Maiesteis lettre anent his customes, to Gourlaw, customer.

Followes the Kingis Grace lettre missiue anent the keping of the towne. Trest freindis, we greitt yow weill. We haue tane gude occasioun of this apparent trouble and vnquyetnes within our realme to desyre yow richt affectiouslie as our guid subiectis, of quhais affectioun to our seruice and obedience we have had speciall pruif at all tymes sen our coronatioun, that ye contene yow peaceblie and quyett at this tyme, vnmovit or perswadit be ony man of quhat estaitt saeuir he be, to ryse in airmes or joyn your selffis in ony sort with him to the furtherance or hinder of quhatsoeuir actioun or querrell, bot addres yow to tak ordour for the suir keping of your burgh and placeing of sic watche at euerie port thairof and vther places neidfull bayth day and nicht as may assuir yow fra the surpryse of ony foreyne poweris, and in the meane tyme that ye suffer nor permitt na hakbuteris nor vther men of weir to be, ather opinlie be sound of drum, or priuelie, sa far as ye can learne and vnderstand, be levied and tane vp to ony manis behove within your towne without our speciall commissioun and warrand daittit after this, refuising entrie or acces to quhatsumeuir extraordinare poweris and greitt companeis of men in airmes that ye may nocht command, and keping the ferry port and passage of Leith opin and patent to all our peaceble and quyett subiectis to gang and cum as thai sall haif occasioun, as ye will ansuer to us vpoun the contrarie, swa lippynning to your guid attendance heiranent we committ yow to God. Frome Perth this xxv of August, 1582. James R. To

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our trest freindis, the prouest, baillies, and counsall of our burgh of Edinburgh.

Precept, thesaurer, town wall.

Ordanis Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, or Andro Sclater in his absence, to caus remoue and tak away the red owtwith the towne wall besyde the Kowgaitt port, repair and mend the faltis of the said wall.

29 *August* 1582.

Precept, Ker, collectour, Moresoun.

Ordanis Robert Ker, baillie, collectour of the restis of the townes comptis, to pay and delyuer to Jhone Moresoun, baillie, the sowm of foure score pundis debursit be him for making and bying of twa drinkin syluer peices to be bestowet and disponit to the townis behuif.

3 *September* 1582.

Lettre from the Kingis Grace and Lordis, and ansuer thairto.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] comperit Alexander Vddert, Jhonn Adamsoun, and John Wilky, quha wes direct to the Kingis Grace, and after declaratioun of thair procedingis and of the Kingis ansuer and mynd schawin to thame, producet ane lettre frome his Grace direct to the guid [town] togidder with ane vther lettre from the Lordis, and ane proclamatioun to be maid anent his Maiesties libertie, quhilkis lettres thai ordane to be registrat. Followes the tenour of the Kingis lettre:—Trest freindis, we greitt yow weill. We haue resauet your lettre, quhairanent for that we vnderstand that sic seditious bruitis as heirtofore wer spred within your town of our detening in our burgh of Perth aganis our will, ar now renewet of our remaning heir of intentioun to charge the nobillmen and vtheris our counsalouris heir resident with ws with our coptiuitie, and to perswade our lieges and guid subiectis to enter in opinioun of that quhairof we haif sene yit na probabilitie, we haif thocht guid to signifie vnto yow the contrarie be the present, desyring yow to lett the sam be notifeit to all and sindrie the inhabitantis within your burgh be publicatioun of this our proclamatioun, quhilk we haue sent yow heirwith to be proclamet at your mercat croce on Mononday nixt in the mene tyme becaus that our intentioun is to come to Edinburgh sa sone as we haue tane some ordour with the convoy

quhilk our nobilitie and vtheris present intendis to give ws, we luke that ye will haue ane resonabill power of your town in redynes to watche ws sa lang as we sall think expedient to imploy thame, and to that tyme that ye continew cairfull of the security of our darrest cousingis persoun quhilk ye haue thair amang your handis, and quhat reasonabill gairde he sall requyre yow of your nichtbouris and inhabitantis to latt him haue, in that he may be thairby assuret fra the violence and iniury of quhatsumeuir his evill willeris that sall repair within the town to do him any harme or truble, as ye will ansuer to ws thairvpoun. Thus we committ yow to God. From Stirling castell, this first of September 1582. JAMES R. Followes the lettre from the Lordis. [The letter is not engrossed, and there is written on the margin, 'Note.—The prouest hes this lettre quhilk is to be putt in this blank.']

Lettre from the Kingis Grace and Lordis, and ansuer thairto.

Thairafter comperit Capitane James Cvninghame as direct fra the said Lordis, and in thair names declairit that thai menit na vther thing bot the mentenance of relligioun, reformatioun of the commoun weill, and mentenance of the Kingis Maiesteis crowne quhilkis all thai saw to be in greitt hasart and dyuerslie abusit, desyring thairfore the guid toun to assist for reformatioun thairof, with the quhilk the said prouest, baillies, counsall, and deykinis being avysit agreit to gif thair concurrence for mayntenence of the relligioun, Kingis Maiestie, and commoun weill, and ordanit lettres to be direct to the said Lordis ansuerand to thair said lettre and declairing that thai will concur as said is.

4 *September* 1582.

The prouest, baillies, counsall, and deykinis foresaidis vottit and agreit to send to the Kingis Maiestie, James Ros, merchant, and Edward Galbrayth, skynner, with lettres frome the town, ansuerand to his Maiesteis former lettre and last, desyring his Maiestie to tak sic ordour at his cuming that the toun be nocht putt in perell nor yitt suppressit with sic als with an lettre to the Lordis desyring incais of thair cuming that assurance mycht be grantet to the Duik during his remaning in the toun, becaus he is cum vnder thair saifgaird.

Ros, Galbrayth, commissioneris to the King.

5 *September* 1582.

Precept, thesaurer, javellour.

Ordanis Andro Lindsay, javellour, to caus mak and furneis new tubis in the tolbuith for seruing the wairdouris, als to caus clenge the privie thairof, and the thesaurer to refound to him the expenssis.

7 *September* 1582.

Proclamatio, nicht walking.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh for keping of guid ordour, obedience, quyetnes, and amitie within the said burgh, that na maner of persounis, strayngeris, remaning in the sam or resorting thairto, be fund passand vp and down the streittis thairof bot that thai keip thair lugeingis fra nyne houris at evin furth, and siclyke that na nichtbouris burgessis, and fremen presume or tak vpoun hand fra the said hour furth to mak ony conventionis and gadderingis or pas throw the streittis in companeis, bot that thai in sober and quyet maner reteir and draw thame selffis to thair houssis and duelling places, making na prouocatiounis ane to ane vther in countenance, word, or deid, bot behaif thame selffis as peacebill and loving brethrein, with certificatioun to the saidis persounis, als weill strayngeris and freind, doand in the contrair heirof, that thai sall be apprehendit, imprisonit, and accuset as nicht walkeris, seditious pepill and makeris of convocatiounis, and pvnist in thair boddis and guidis according to thair demeritis at the will and plesure of the maiestratis but favour.

Precept, thesaurer, Adamsoun, Vddert, Wilkyn.

Ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Alexander Vddert, Jhonne Adamsoun, and Jhonne Wilkyn, the sowm of threttein pund, nynetein schillingis, twa penneis, for thair expenssis in passing to Stirling to the Kingis Grace in the townis effaires, specially for hame bringing of Jhonne Dury, minister, and anent the Duik, and for gairding of the toun.

Stepill watche dischairget.

Dischairges forther watcheing of the stepill fra this day furth, and ordanis the dene of gild to brek the persounis appoyntet thairto.

11 *September* 1582.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Rychert Bynning, messinger, sex schillingis, aucht penneis, for making of the Kingis proclamatioun, als to pay to a boy for passing twyse to Stirling in the townes effairis with lettres, twa merk. Precept, thesaurer, Bynning, boy to Stirling.

Charles Gatt, in Leyth, come in the townis willis for cutting of ane tow of a Norway manis schip, and oblist him nocht to do the lyke in tyme cuming, vnder sic paynes as the town sall lay to his charge. Gatt in voluntate.

18 *September* 1582.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to James Nicoll, merchant, the sowm of ane hundreth sevin pundis, fourtein schillingis, debursit be him for the expenssis of my lord prouest, and the nychtbouris quha raid to Sanct Jhonestoun with his lordship to the Kingis Grace about the ix of Julii last in the effaires of the town, specially for down getting of the justice and chalmerlane airis, and remanet thair be the space of aucht dayes with thair hors and seruandis. Precept, thesaurer, nichtbouris expenssis in Sanct Jhonestoun.

26 *September* 1582.

Ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to pay to Jhonne Harwod, dene of gild, the sowm of twenty pund debursit be him in the townes effairis and at thair command, to witt, for the expenssis and wedges of certane men putt in the stepill for keping thairof the space of [*blank*] dayes, the tyme of this laitt appearance of trubill, and als for sending away of certane missiues to the burrowes anent the new customes of France, and for the expenssis of thre hors quhilk wes feyit for Henry Ros, William Fairlie, and Alexander Owsteane, to haif past to Stirling, conform to the particulare compt heirof gevin in be the said Jhone. Precept, thesaurer, Harwod.

In considderatioun of the guid seruice done to the town be vmquhill Alexander King, Aduocatt, and sumtyme clerk deputt of this burgh, and Kingis bairnis, priuelege of burges and gild.

Kingis bairnis, priuelege of burges and gild.

vnderstanding that he wes bayth burges and gild brother nochtwithstanding that his name wes nocht insert in the lokkett buikis, thairfore gevis and grantis to his airis and bairnes the richt and priuelege of the bairnis of ane burges and gild brother to be admittit thairto for the sam dewty, and thair names insert in the gild buik quhen thai requyre the sam.

Lordis lettre and ansuer thairto anent electioun of the maiestratis.

Comperit capitane James Cvninghame, as direct fra the erlis of Mar, Gowry, Lord Dunfermling, Byde, Lyndsay, Cambuskynneth, of the Kingis Maiestie secreitt counsall, and producet ane bill subscryuet be the saidis Lordis quhairin thai in effect desyret that the town suld be war in thair present electioun to put vpoun the lyttis any sic as hes kythet thame selffis factious and vnquyet at this tyme, bot to vse the counsall of the ministeris to quhome the said Lordis hes comunicat thair myndis, desyring to gif forther care and credite to the berer as to thame selffis, as at lenth is contenit in the said lettre daittit fra Stirling the xxiiij of September instant; and the said James credit being hard at lenth, he declairit in effect that the said Lordis meanet nocht to hurt the townis priueleges bot rather to meaneteyne the sam, and willit that the guid town for thair plesour and requeist, and in consideratioun of this present necessitie and vnquyet tyme, suld elect ane of thir persounis, viz: the capitane of the castell, Lord Lyndsay, laird of Arnestoun, laird of Cleische, to be prouest for this present yeir, and als to elect Jhonne Adamsoun, maister Michaell Chisholm, Andro Sclater, Jhonne Arnott, Jhonne Jhonestoun, Robert Bog, or ony four [of] thame to be baillies, and Adame Fullertoun to be dene of gild; with the quhilk the said prouest, baillies, and counsall, being avyset, ansuerit that the tyme thairof wes nocht this day, bot thai suld in thair awin place elect sic as thai mycht fynd maist meitt for the weill of the town, and as thai wald ansuer to the Kingis Maiestie, and ordanis ane ansuer to be maid in writt heirvpoun to the said Lordis.

27 *September* 1582.

Rox, electioun of the magestratis.

In presens of the prouest, baillies, and counsall, and ane pairt of the deykinis of craftis, comperit maister George Young, seruitour to the

Kingis Maiestie, and producet ane lettre from his Maiestie direct to the prouest, baillies, counsall, and deykinis, and all vtheris having vote in the electioun of the maiestratis for this nixt yeir, of the quhilk lettre the tenour followes:—Traist freindis, we greitt you weill. For the better furthsetting of our authoritie and seruice and retening of our guid subiectis in quyetnes at our conventioun approcheing, and prevening of all dayngeris amang sic as sall repair thairto, vpoun the occasioun of the haill trubles quhilk may possiblie fall owt sen we ar vncertane gif the myndis of all persounis be yitt satled, we haif tane occasioun to direct this our lettre desyring yow affectuouslie to elect and cheis sic persounis to bear publict offices within that our burgh for the yeir to cum as feiris God, ar wyse, honest, discreitt, and cheiflie that hes constantlie avowet the caus of God and the furthsetting of our authoritie and seruice at all tymes sen our coronatioun, quhairthrow bayth we and all that sall convene within your burgh to that effect may be in surtie and gude ordour kepit amangis all estaittis of persounis, quhairin ye sall do ws acceptabill pleasour and guid seruice, as we haif the berer our seruand to dilate vnto yow at gritter lenth quhome ye sall credite. Thus we committ you to God. Frome Stirling castell, this xxiiij of September, 1582. James R. And the said maister George credite beand hard, he declarit that his Maiestie wald nocht hurt the townes priueleges bot rather meaneteyne the sam, and thairfore left the electioun and nominatioun of the maiestratis in thair awin handis, thai beand persounis of the qualiteis contenit in the said lettre; and the said prouest, baillies, and counsall, and deykinis ordanet ane lettre of maist humbill and hartlie thankis to be writ to his Maiestie. Rex, electioun of the magistratis.

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At after none, in presens of the baillies and ane pairt of the counsall, auld and new, my lord prouest, with thair avyse and consent, becaus his lordship wes to pas ower the watter, left his twa votes in electioun of the maiestratis to Robert Ker, baillie, in cais his lordship returnet nocht befor the said electioun. Prouestis vottis.

2 *October* 1582.

Electioun of the maiestratis, and protestatiounis of the baillies and of the craftis.

[The bailies, old council, and new council] being conuenit for electioune of the new provest, baillies, and dene of gild, and thesaurer of the said burgh for the yeire to cum, furth of the persones nominat and putt vpoun the lyttis thairof vpoun Fryday last bypast, the said bailleis and counsall, auld and new, [except certain four craftsmen] all in ane voitt pairtit, devydit, and cuist the tuelf lytes for the new bailleis in foure seuerall rankis for electing ane baillie furth of ewerie rank thairof, conforme to the ordoure contenewallie obseruit thro money yeris bygane, in maner following, to wit:—for the first rank, Andro Sclater, James Ros, Jhone Arnot; for the second rank, Johne Addesoun, Robert Bog, Johne Mayne; for the third, maister Michael Chisholme, Johne Achesoune, Patrick Cochrane; for the fourt rank, Williame Fairlie, Mark Ker, Dauid Williamesoune: and the said foure craftismen of the auld and new counsall, viz.:—Thomas Myllare, cuitleare, Jhone Banatyne, skynnare, James Fergussoune, boware, Jhone Barnisfather, tailyeoure, dissentit alluterlie to the casting of the saidis lytis alleging the samyn to haiwe bene aganis all guid ordoure and ressoune, and thairfoire desyring the electioune of the said bailleis to be maid furth of the haill tuelf lyttis indifferentlie, and thairvpoun askit instrumentis and actis of court.

Thairefter comperit the dekinis of craftis underwritten, that is to say, Gilbert Prymrose, chirurgeane [and thirteen others] and that for gevin of thaire voitis with the bailleis and counsalle befoire expremit in electioune of the said new provest, bailleis, dene of guild, and thesaurer, and in all thaire presence, ane lettre direct from oure Souerane Lord to the said provest, bailleis, counsaille, and deykinis wes opinit and red, quhairin his Maiestie recommendet to thame Alexander Clerk of Balbirnie, provest, desyring that he mycht be contenewit for the yeire to cum, as at maire lenth is contenit in the said lettre daittit at Striweling castell, the first of October instant.

And the said bailleis and counsaille being abyding vpoun the cuming

of the ordinare assessouris to gif thair woites in the said electioune, the said Robert Ker past to the counsalhous dur, and thair finding ane gritt multitude of pepill of the craftis assemblit to the number of i,c persones or thairby, as was estemit, and the said baillie remaning a certane space thaire at lenth returnit and schew and declarit that the said multitude had debarrit and stoppit maister Johne Scherp, assissour, to cum in to the counsallhous and occupy his place of assissour, and menassit him, as alsua menassit and boistit the said baillie in word and deid, and put handis on him; quhilk being declaret be him to the remanent bailleis, counsaille, and deykinis being present, the said remanent bailleis and counsaille requyrit the said baillie, in presens of the clerk of court, to command the multitude to depairt, quha immediatlie thairefter passit to the counsalhous dur, and be his awin mouth chairgit the said people in oure Souerane Lordis name to pass and returne to thaire houssis and retene thame selffis in quyet and peceable maner, quha refussit to obey ane pairt alleging that thai wald nocht aknawledge him as ane baillie, and the multitude ansuering with tumultuous wordis mening, as apperit, to seditioun, vpoun the quhilk the said baillie maid protestationes and tuik instrumentis: and Gilbert Primrose, deykin of the chirurgeanis, for him selff and in name of the haill deykinis, protestit and tuik instrumentis in the contraire, declaring and alleging that thai knew nocht of the conveyning of the said pepille and menit na thing bot quyetnes and nocht to mak ony molestatioun.

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Thairefter the said baillie being returnit and the counsalhous dur steikit, Thomas Myllare, cuitlare, and ane of the auld counsaille, protestit in the same maner with the said Gilbert, and dissassentet that ony assissouris sould hawe woitt in electioun of the saidis magistratis.

Quhilk being done, the bailleis, dene of gild, and counsalle, auld and new, except the said foure craftismen of the auld and new counsalle, fand that the said assissouris aucht to hawe wotit in the said electioun in respect of the auld consuetude and reit obseruit contenewallie thir monie yeiris bygane and decydit befoire, quhilk thai now hawe na poware to altare being bot officemen for ane yeire.

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And becaus it wes sufficientlie knawin to the said bailleis and counsaill that thaire ordinare assessouris war stoppit be force to enter in the counsalhous and occupy thaire awin place and vote as thai had done befoire, and thairfore the said bailleis and counsall, auld and new, exceptand as said is, fand that thai micht cheis thre of thaire awin nummer to hawe the assessouris woittis for the presentis, and according thairto electit Jhone Moresoune for maister Jhone Schairpe, assessoure, Henrie Chairteris for maister Thomas Craig, Alexander Vddart for maister Jhone Prestoun, assessoure, quha acceptit the said places vpoun thame and gaiwe thair aithis *vt moris est.*

To the quhilkis the said haille deykinis of craftis dissentit, protesting for remeid, and be the mowth of Gilbert Primrose declarit that thai wer cum to cheise the magistrates conforme to the lawes of the realme, to witt, the threttie sevin act of parliament maid be King James the Thrid, and conforme to the act of burrowes maid in Aprile [*blank*] yeris and na vtherwayis, and giff ony wer chosin contraire the said lawes, declarit that thai dissentit thairto, and wald nocht aknawlege the saidis persones, and farther declarit that the saidis deykinis and craftis war willing to obey the Kingis Maiesteis lettre with that conditioun that na vthare hawe woitt bot sic as is contenit in the actis of parliament and burrowis, and heirvpoun askit instrumentis: Thairefter, the counsallhous dur being oppinit be Gilbert Primrose, as the said magistratis allegit, afferming alswa that he bad the people cum in, ane gritt multitude of the people of the craftis confusitlie in ane tumult to the nummer of thre scoire or fyftie persones, as wes estimet, brak in and enterit in at the counsalhous; and the said bailleis tuik instrumentis that the said Gilbert Primrose oppinit the dur and luitt in the people, and the said Gilbert ansuerit and declarit that he oppinit the dur to gang away, and did na thing contraire the Kingis Maiesteis lawes, and dissentit all thingis done or to be done.

Item, the said multitude being at lenth removit, and the deykinis returnand, the said bailleis and counsall requyrit the said deykinis to remane and giwe thaire wottis to the electioune conforme to the auld vse

and wount, quha all in ane voice refuissit except the assissouris wottis war remowit, and the saidis persones craftismen of the auld and new counsaille refuissit in lyk maner, quhairvpoun Robert Ker, baillie, tuik instrumentis.

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Item, the said bailleis and counsaille requyrit Robert Stewart, towne maser, to cum fra the counsalhous dur and reteir him selff to the bare, that thai micht se quha wald oppin the dur thairafter and the said deykins requyrit to depairt and pass away, and sua thairefter Gilbert Primrose tuik instrumentis, declaring and alleging that thai war haldin per force, to the quhilk the said bailleis ansuerit that thai wald hald nane per force, but onelie desyrit thame to gif thaire woittis, and giwe it lykit thame to depairt thai wald nocht nor meanit nocht to retene thame by thair will, considdering the dur wes nocht lokkit bot onelie putt to and slottit, and nane betwixt thame and it.

And thairfoire the said bailleis and counsaille, exceptand as said is, willing according to thaire dewtie to proceid to the said electioune that oure Souerane Lord and his subiectis sould [not] be destitute of magistratis within this burgh for the yeire to cum, off new requyrit the said haill deykinis being present, and the said Thomas Myllare, cuitlare, Jhone Banatyne, skynner, craftismen of the auld counsaille, and James Fergussoun, boware, Jhone Barnisfather, tailyeoure, craftismen of the new counsaille, gif thai wer reddie to gif thaire woittis vpoun the lyttes of the sadis officiaris to be this day chosin, quhilkis all ansuerit and declarit that thai nor nane of thame wald giff thair woitt thairin giff the sadis assessouris or ony chosin in place of the assessouris votit; in respect quhairof the said bailleis and counsaill past to voting, except befoire exceptit, and in ane voice electit and chuse Alexander Clark of Balbirnie to be provest for the yeire to cum, and as thai cum to the said craftismen and deykinis, requyrit euerie ane of thame in the Kingis name, be thair names in speciall in thair awin rankis, for thair voittis, quha refuissit as said is, and sua proceding in lyk maner to the lyttis of the bailleis and according as the samyn wer cassin in threis, out of the first thre be thair

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woittis electit and chuse Andro Sklater for ane baillie of the yeir to cum, and owt of the nixt thre electit and chuse Jhone Adamesoune ane vther baillie for the said yeir, requyrand the craftismen of the counsaille and deakinis as of befoire in thaire rankis, and be thaire names in speciall, to gif thaire woittis at the electioune of ewerie ane of the saidis bailleis, quha refuissit and past away, and thaireftir at the meaning to the electioune of the thrid baillie, oppinit the dur and depairtit, in respect of the quhilkis the said bailleis and counsaille, exceptand as said is, procedand in thaire electioune, electit and chusit be thair seuerall woittis owt of the thrid rank maister Michael Chisholme for the thrid baillie, and owt of the fourt rank electit Williame Fairlie for the fourt baillie; and enterand to the lyttes of the dene of gild, electit and chusit furth thairof maister Jhone Prestoun to be dene of gild; and last enterand to the lyttis of the thesaurer, electit furth thairof Mungo Russell thair thesaurare for the yeire to cum; and the said Androw Sklatter, and Williame Fairlie, electit bailleis, and the said maister Jhone Prestoun, electit dene of gild, personallie present, acceptit the said offices vpoun thame, and gaiwe thaire aythis lauchfull administratioune *vt moris est.* Quhilk beand done, the sadis deykinis reenterit agane, to quhom the sadis bailleis and counsaille maid dew intimatioun of the said provest, bailleis, dene of gild, and thesaurer, electit as said is, declairand thaire names in speciall vnto thame and that the persones speciallie befoire exprimit had exceptit vpoun thame thaire sadis offices and maid thaire fayth for dew administratioune, and the sadis deykinis and craftis askit instrumentis that thai disassentit to the chesing of the sadis maiestratis, besause thai gaiff nocht thaire woitt nor consent thairto, and that thai wer nocht chosin according to the actis of parliament and burrowis.

Finallie, the saidis Andro Sklater, and Williame Fairlie, bailleis, passit furth to the nethir tolbuith for fensing and halding of the heid court, as vse is, quha returning within ane schort space, declarit that the communitie of craftis had with tumult and vprore and iniurious wordis, menacet tham and per force constranit tham to leiff and raise the burgh for feir of thaire lyffiis, and incontinent thaireftir the said people eschit and brak

in per force at the said counsalhous dur, invading and persewing the said bailleis and counsaille with contumelious and dispytfull wordis quhilkis for the confusitnes thairof wer hard to be notit, except that Williame Hopprin-gill, dekyn of the tailycouris, enterit per force throw the multitude, and throw sic as wes within the bar, and cuming to the buird heid of the jugment saitt with his hand at his syd and on his whin geare as appeirit, wald hawe rest and spuilyeit the counsaille buikis and vthere writtis and registeris of the town being than thaire present, and with ewill countenance cryet mony iniurious wordis, amangis the rest aidding and bosting sweith to gif him the buikis, and ran vpoun the clerkis keparis thairof of purpose to hawe performit his interpryse, wer nocht he wes stayet, etc.

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Vpoun the quhilkis premissis, baith the sadis bailleis and counsaill, and the sadis deykinis, ewerie ane for thair awin pairtis, askit instrumentis and actis of court.

13 *October* 1582.

[The bailies and council] being convenit at command of oure Souerane Lordis proclamatioune maid this day at the mercat croce of this burgh, ordanit the extract of the said proclamatioune to be registrat in thaire buikis *in futuram rei memoriam*, off the quhilk the tenour followis:—Apud Halirudhous, the ij die mensis Octobris, anno domini j^{m} v^{c} lxxxij. The Kingis Maiestie and Lordis of his secreit counsall having hard and considerit the diferens [?] and variance standing tuitching the electioune of the provest, bailleis, and counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh, this present yeire, ordanis and commandis the provest, bailleis, thesaurer, and dene of gild, alreddie nominat be the Kingis Maiestie, they ar to say, Alexander Clerk of Balbirnie, provest, Jhonne Adamsoun, maister Michell Chisholme, Andro Sklater, and Williame Fairlie, bailleis, Mongo Russall, thesaurer, and maister Jhone Prestoun, dene of gild, to stand and contenew as lauchfull and ordinare magistratis of the said burgh, and thai to accept thaire offices and to be ansuerit and obeyit thairin as becumis, this present yeire and quhill the nixt ordinare tyme of electioune, without preiudice of the richt, libertie, or priuelege, ather of the craftismen or mer-

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chandis of the said burgh in tyme cuming; and the sadis provest, bailleis, and counsaill having acceptit their offices as said is, ordanis the haill persones merchandis being of the said counsaille for thame selffis and be consent of the remanent merchandis of the said burgh on the ane pairt, and the persones craftismen being of the said counsalle and haille deykinis of the craftismen of the said burgh for thame selffiis, and be consent of the remanent craftismen of the said burgh on the vthare pairt, to nominat on ather syd the nowmer of ane douzain of personis, baronis, gentlemen, ministers, or vtheris of best experience, discretioune, and zeale to quietnes, not being of his Hienes privie counsaille, delyuering thaire names to his Hienes, off quhilkis tuelff persones his Maiestie may cheis thre on ather side, to quhome the sadis pairteis sall submit the tryall, cognitioune, and decisioune of thaire haill differences and debaittis standing betuixt thame, and in caise of thaire variances to his Maiestie with awise of his priwie counsaill; and thridlie his Maiestie will proceid to the tryall of the laitt disordour happinit within the burgh of Edinburgh vpoun the secound day of October instant, and punischeing of the offendouris as his Hienes sall find caus worthie, and that lettres be direct heirvpoun giff neid be in forme as efferis. Extractum de libro actorum secreti consilii S. D. N. Regis per me Joannem Andro, clericum deputatum eiusdem sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Et sic subscribtur, Joannes Andro. Conforme to the quhilk the sadis provest, bailleis, dene of gild, and thesaurer, acceptit the said offices vpoun thame and the sadis maister Michel Chisholme and Mungo Russel, nocht being sworne of befoire, gaiw thaire athis for lauchfull administratioun, *vt moris est.*

Johnestoun, Mauld, counsalouris.

The provest, bailleis, and counsaille electit Jhone Johnnstoun counsaloure in place of the auld proveist, and Williame Mauld to be counsaloure in place of Gilbert Dik.

Merchantis, wairning.

Ordanis thaire officiar to pass and wairne the haille nichtbouris merchandis of the said burgh personallie or at thaire duelling places throw thair quarteris, to convene with thame in counsalhous this day at twa efternone, for giffing of thaire ansuer anent electing of the tuelff persones

mentionat in the proclamatioune befoire written, vnder the paynis thairin contenit, and payment of ane vnlaw of fywe pund to the guid toun gif thai failyie, etc. Merchantis, wairning.

At efternone, the sadis bailleis and counsalle, with ane gritt number of merchandis of this burgh, being convenit in the counsalhous thairof, at command of oure Souerane Lord the Kingis Maiesties proclamatioune maid at the merkat croce, and be wertew of ane speciall chairge gevin to the said bailleis and counsaille, all in ane voice with commoun consent nominat and electit the persones following, viz.:—maister Williame Lundie of that ilk, Williame Stewart, coronell, maister Dauid Carnegie of Colluchie, Peter Hay, baillie of Aroll, [*blank*] Jhonestoun of Elphinstoun, maister Jhone Lyndesay, persone of Menmure, maister James Meldrum of Seggie, maister Walter Balquanquell, minister, [*blank*] Stewart of Traquaire, maister Thomas Suetoun, minister, Sir Archibald Naper of Merchingstoun, Williame Chrystesoune, minister, the quhilkis persones or ony thre of thame to be chosin be the Kingis Maiestie, the sadis baillies and counsall submittis the tryall, cognitioune, and decisioune of the haill differences and debaittis standing betwix thame and the craftismen of this burgh, exceptand allwayes the priveleges pertening to the estaitt of merchandis, and provest, bailleis, and counsall of the said burgh be speciall infeftment, actis of parliament, and lawes of the realme, and speciallie submittis to the sadis persones the heidis heir speccefeit, to uitt, the tryell of the laitt tumult and vprore committit uithin the said burgh the secound of October, the questioune anent the woites of the assassouris at the electioune of the maiestrattis, the questioune anent the casting off the tuelf lytis of the bailleis in foure seuerall and equall pairtis, and the debait vpoun the ingeving of the tikkattis and names of the craftis for the new counsaille; and hes willinglie aggreit and consentit that the sadis thre persones to be chosin furth of the said tuelff and to be adioynit with the the vtheris of the lyk number nominat and delyuerit in writt to his Maiestie be the said craftismen, sall convene to this effect sa sone as possible may be, and in caise of variance that his Maiestie, with adwyse of Compromiss of the difference betwix merchantis and craftismen.

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sic as he sall pleis to elect and nominat as odismen and owirsmen for baith the sadis pairties, may gif ordoure and directioune as thai sall think maist expedient for furth setting of his Hienes seruice, punichment of the said vprore, and quyet governing of the said burgh in tyme cumming, etc.,

16 *October* 1582.

Anent the gaird and watche in the abbay, etc.

In presens of [the provost, bailies, and council], the Kingis Maiesties lettres vnderwrittin beand producet of the quhilk the tenour followes:—Rex. Prouest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt you weill. Forsaumekill as we be advyse of counsall haif fund neidfull, als weill for the suirty of our persoun as for keping of guid rewle and ordour amangis all sic as we haue writtin for to this conventioun, that all the tyme thairof we be gairdit nicht and day with a nomber of sax score of hakbuteris or thairby of the best and hablest of your burgh, thairfore it is our will and we command yow that ye incontinent efter the sicht heirof mak chois within your burgh of sax score of the best hakbuteris of the inhabitantis thairof, and direct thame to come doune to this our palace this nicht betwix four and fyve houres at evin, reddy to keip watche all the nicht and the morn thairafter to the sam hour at sic place as we sall appoynt vnto thame, and than to be relevit with the lyk nomber of thair nychtbouris airmit in lyk maner, and swa furth daylie and nichtlie induring the said conventioun, and in the mean tyme that ye in our name and authoritie command and chairge the remanent inhabiteris of our said burgh to be in reddynes aganis all suddane tumult or truble that may fall out about us induring the said space, as ye and thai will ansuer to us vpon your seruice and obedience, quhairof the present sall be to you a sufficient warrand. Subscryuet with our hand at Halyroudhouse, the xvj day of October 1582. James R., Dumfermling, Tuliband, comptroller. Conform to the quhilk the said prouest, baillies, and counsall ordanet ane gaird to be maid to his Maiestie and to begyn this nicht at the north-west quarter, and als that proclamatioun be maid wairning the rest of the nicht-bouris to be in redynes at all occasionis according to the said lettre, ilk persoun vnder the payment of xli. but favouris.

17 *October* 1582.

Ordanis Jhonne Robertsoun, thesaurer, to delyuer to Thomas Morame, porter of the Nether Bow, the bowet and cord thairof, to be hung at the said port, and the said thesaurer to furneis candill thairto fra this nycht furth, quhill he be discharget. Precept, thesaurer, candill, Nether Bow.

Fyndes it expedient that the counsall convene the ordinar dayes Wedinsday and Fryday, immediatlie efter the sermoun, and the absentis but licence to pay to the box xl d., and the absentis being personally wairnit at extraordinar tymes to pay vj s. viij d. Convening of the counsall.

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[Ale to be sold not dearer than 6d. the pint.] Proclamatio, aill.

26 *October* 1582.

Ordanis in tyme cuming during this wynter an nychtlie watche to be maid of the nychtbouris of this burgh of threttie personis nychtlie, begynnand at the south-eist quarter, and the baillies of their quarteris to sett the watche in proper persoun, se the rollis callit, and that sufficient airmit persounis be on the watche, and thairafter deputt ane of the maist honest of the watche with ane officiar to awaitt thairon; and the said watche to begyn at viij houris at evin and indure quhill sex in the morning,—absentis to be vnlawit but favouris. Watche.

27 *October* 1582.

[Of this date, a series of regulations are enacted having reference to "baxteris, malt, aill, meill merkatt, quheitt, fische, pultrie, flescheoures, skynnis and hyddis, candilmakeris, staibleris, corne, woll and skynnis, topsteris of butter, eggis, cheise, etc., middingis, scheildes, furrouris, walkeris, red, swyne, wawpounis in buithis, assysis, standis, craymes, bairdis aithis, adultery, fornicatioun, actiounes, vnlawes, and vagabundis."] Sundry regulations.

7 *November* 1582.

Rex, men of weir to the raid of Peblis.

The lettre and missiue vnderwrittin being direct to the provest and baillies of this burgh fra the Kingis Maiestie, of the quhilk tenour followis:—Prouest and baillies of Edinburgh, we greitt yow hairtily weill. The disordour of the thevis and wikket pepill inhabiting the cuntres ewest the bordouris is growin swa greitt be bludsched, fyreraising, and oppin reiffis, nocht ōnly in Ingland to the daynger of the peace, bot within our realme neir the portis of Edinburgh, that we ar resoluit, God willing, to se thair insolence repressit, and for that effect to be in proper persoun at Peblis vpoun the xxvj day of Nouember instant, accumpaniet with sufficient power of oure nobilitie and guid subiectis according to our proclamatiounis direct to that effect. Bot becaus we wald be laith to truble the haill inhabitantis of our burrowes being subiect to our said proclamatioun, (speciallie quhairever our selffis is to be present in proper persoun) we haif thocht guid to certifie yow that ye sendand vnto ws ane hundreth and thre scoir habill hakbutteris provydit to remayne with ws for the space of ane moneth after the said day, it sall releif yow and that haill burgh frome the payne and daynger of our said proclamatioun, desyring you effectuouslie that ye will nocht faill to caus this dyatt be keipit, as ye will declair your guid affectioun to our seruice and the commoun weill, and do ws maist acceptabill plesure. Thus we committ yow to God. At Edinburgh, the sext day of November 1582. James R. With the quhilkis the saidis provest, and baillies, and counsall being avysit, fyndis guid that the said provest and baillies, with sic of the counsall as thai think necessar pas to his Maiestie and secreitt counsall, and travell that the toun be only burdenit with ane hundreth of the said men, and in the mean tyme continewis forther ordour to be tane heirinto quhill Fryday nixt.

21 *November* 1582.

Precept, thesaurar, Jok Andro, and lokman.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurar, to pay to Jok Andro, servitour to Andro Lyndsay, javelour, the sowm of thre pund aucht schillingis for wyne and breid furnist be him at dyuers tymes to the commissioneris of burrowes the tyme of this last conventioun, conform to the particuler compt thairof

. . . . . and sielyk ordanis the said thesaurer to caus mak to the lokman ane stand claythis of the townis liveray, and to delyuer to him ane bandet stafe. Precept, thesaurar, Jok Andro, and lokman.

The Kingis Maiesties lettre vnderwrittin beand producet before thame, quhairof the tenour followis:—Rex. Prouest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh. It is our will and we command you that ye direct doun threttie of your nichtbouris hakbuteris provydet with pulder and bullett to keip watche nicht and day for the better gairding of our persoun, begynnand this present nycht, and swa to be interchaynget nychtlie or daylie as ye think gude, and to be continewit thairafter during a certane space ay and quhill ye haif our dischairge in the contrair, as ye will ansuer to ws. Subscryuet with our hand at Halyruidhous, the xix day of November and of our regne the sextein yeir 1582. James R. Gowry, Tuliband, comptroller. Quhilk lettre being red and considerit, ordanis the sam to be obeyit, and the baillies throw thair quarteris to waill furth the best and airmit nychtbouris. Rex, villa, gaird in the Abbay.

24 *November* 1582.

* * Ordanis the said thesaurer to pay to Henry Charteris the soum of allevin pund twa schillingis debursit be him in the banket and welcum of the Erle Bothuell at his hame cuming. * * Precept, thesaurer, * * Chairteris.

5 *December* 1582.

Efternone, this lettre fra the Kingis Grace wes producit and red and ordanit to be obeyet in all poyntis, off the quhilk the tenour followes:—Rex. Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. Being informitt of some disquyetnes and trubill meanet be sum of our vnqyett subiectis repairing in guid number to our burgh of Edinburgh in fensibile and weir lyke maner, prohibite be our lawes and actis of parliament, and thair contening thame darnit in sum qyett corneris and houssis in the tovne till thai may find thair opportunity to kyth thame selffis in the execution of sum apparent interpryse thai haue in handis; for prevening quhairof and the better assurance of our persoun, nobility, and counsall heir resident with ws,—it is our will and we command yow Rex, watche, strayngeris in the toun.

Rex, watche, strayngeris in the toun.

that ye incontinent efter the sicht heirof pas and direct in all the quarteris of your town to all hostillares and houssis vsit with the repair of strayngeris, and gyf ye find ludgeit thairin any strayngeris airmitt in maner foresaid, that ye resaue thair names and notifie the sam the morn to ws and our counsall, that we may tak sic ordour with thame as we sall fynd convenient, and sielyke that ye gif guid attendance at your portis and vther places neidfull that na maner of persoun, of quhatsumeuir quality or degrie he be of, repair or be resauet within your town with any power or company of men on horse or fute, till we and our said counsall be first acquentit with thair cuming; and for the better executioun and performance heirof, it is our will that ye this nicht in our name and authority cause and command the ane half of your toun to keip guid watche at all your portis and vther places neidfull, to be contineuit quarterly bayth day and nicht heirafter till ye resaue our contrair will and warrand, as ye will ansuer to ws vpoun your obedience at your vtermest charge and perell. Subscryuett with our hand at Halyruidhous, the fyft day of December, 1582. James R., Glencairy, Gowrye.

14 *December* 1582.

Rex, villa, downtaking the Erle Mortounis heid.

The provest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer, and [the council] ordanis the lettre vnderwrittin to be insert and regestratt in thair counsell buik and the principall thairoff to be put in thair charterhous for a warand to the guid town, of the quhilk the tenour followes: Rex. Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. It is our will and we command yow that incontinent efter the sicht heirof, he tak down the heid of James, sumtyme Erle of Mortoun, of the pairt quhair it now is placeit vpoun your awld tolbuith, swa that the sam heid may be bureit, for the quhilk this our lettre sall be to yow sufficient warrand. Subscryvit with our hand at Halyruidhous, the aucht day of December and of our regne the sextein yeir 1582. James R., Glencairnie, Gowry. The sam lettre is indorsat as followes:—apud Halyruidhous, octauo Decembris anno j$^{m.}$ lxxxij; sederunt, Glencairny, Gowry, Lyndsay, Cathcart, Orknay, Dumfermling, Culros, Clerk of Register, Justice Clerk, Provest of Dundie. Red, past, and allowet in counsale, Joannes Andro, etc.

19 *December* 1582.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to caus mak and delyuer to the clerkis ane paper buik to be ane new counsall buik. Precept, thesaurer, counsale buik.

30 *January* 1582-3.

Decernis and ordanis Jhonne Richertsoun, saidler, to remove and tak down his treyne chop laitlie biggett vnder the stairis of his land on the west syde of Nudreis wynd, becaus the sam is contrair to guid nychtbourheid, and the Kingis hie street is narrowet thairby; and the said Jhonne beand personally present ansuerit and declairit that he wad nocht do the sam, thay mycht do as thai pleisit. Richertsoun, saidler, chop.

6 *February* 1582-3.

Comperit Robert Dowglas of Corsehogillis and producet the Kingis Maiesties lettre vnderwrittin for releif of James Dowglas, sone to [*blank* Dowglas at Drumlaynrig, quha wes laittlie convict before the toun for thift and adiudgeit to the deid, of the quhilk lettre the tenour followes: Rex. Provest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. Forswamekill as we of our speciall grace and mercie hes grantit and gevin to James Dowglas his life, quhairfore it is our will that ye baneis him the toun during our will and lett him to liberty, keping thir presentis for your warrand. Subscryuet with our hand at Halyruidhous, the fourt day of Nouember the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir twa yeirs. James R., Gowry; Indorsat,—apud Halyruidhous, 4° Novembris 1582; sederunt, Glencairy, Gowry, Cathcart, Orknay, Dumfermling, Cambuskynneth, clerk of register, comptroller, Provest of Dundie. Red, past, and allowet in counsell, Joannes Andro. Quhilk lettre thai ordainet to be obeyit in all poyntis. Rex, villa, putting Douglas to liberty.

20 *February* 1582-3.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to by the counterfeitt seill of caus maid the tyme of the laitt trubillis, and to delyuer to Jhonn Fergussoun, maser, haver thairof, threttie schillingis for the sam, to the effect the said seill may be destroyet. Precept, thesaurer, Fergussoun.

21 *February* 1582-3.

Compromiss, merchantis, craftismen.

The haill baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, [council and one hundred and fifty] nychtbouris, merchantis of the said burgh, representand the haill communitie of the said merchantis, being convenit in the counsalehous, and vnderstanding that diuers gentilmen and baronis sic as Sir Archibald Naper of Edinbellie, knycht, Robert Fairly of Braid, James Jhonestoun of Elphinstoun for the pairt of the merchantis, and Jhonne Cokburne of Arnestoun, maister Robert Pont, and maister Dauid Lyndsay, minister at Leyth, for the craftismen of this burgh, hes bene in lang conference vpoun the materis debaittabill betwix the saidis merchantis and craftismen, and at lenth has devyset and sett down dyuers articles vpoun all thair controuerseis with the quhilkis the merchantis hes bene content, yitt the craftis hes refuisit and reiectit the sam, quhilk beand notifeit to the Kingis Maiestie, he hes callit before him the provest, and baillies, and counsall, with the deykinis of craftis, and desyrit that the said variance mycht be referrit to the said gentilmes and commoneris as arbiteris, and to his Maiestie as owrismen, and as his Maiestie and the said owrismen suld agrie thairvpoun bayth the pairteis to stand at the samyn as the forme of the compromitt to be maid thairvpoun, schawin, producet, and instantlie red and publist at lenth purportis, the said baillies and counsall, and the said merchantis for thair estaitt, having diligentlie considerit the said compromitt and haill poyntis thairof, willinglie condiscendet and agreit thairto, and that the baillies and counsall suld in thair behalffis subscryve the sam.

6 *March* 1582-3.

Precept, gild, Harwod, belman.

Ordanis maister Jhonne Prestoun, dene of gild, to pay to Jhone Harwvd, dene of gild the last yeir, the sowm of auch pund debursit be him to the belman the twa yeiris of the said Jhonnes office of dene of gild, for the buriall of the puir, quhilk the auditouris of comptis refuisit to allow to the said Jhonn, and the sam sal be allowet to the said dene of gild in his comptis; als inhibits and discharges the said maister Jhonne Prestoun to pay in tyme cuming ony maner of sowmes to the belman for the said buriall.

17 *April* 1583.

The provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and ane pairt of the counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that na nychtbouris of this burgh haud or repair to ony Sonday mercatis at Tranent, Mussilburgh, Dalkyth, or vtheris, vnder the paynis contenit in the actis of parliament and payment of ane vnlaw of xli. Proclamatio, Sonday mercatis.

19 *April* 1583.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid discharging all Sonday mercatis within this burgh, all catchpulling, rolling, playing, drinking and tavernning, and siclyk, in tyme of sermoun on Sonday, or doing ony thing that may tend to the breking of the Sabboth day. Proclamatio, Sabboth Day.

22 *April* 1583.

At Halieruidhous, the xxij day of Appryle the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} foure-scoir thre yeiris, we Robert Fairlie of Braid, Sir Archibald Naper of Edinbellie, knicht, and James Jhonestoun of Elphinstoun, juges arbitratouris chosin for the pairt of maister Michaell Chisholme, Androw Sclater, Jhonn Adamsoun, and William Fairlie, baillyeis of Edinburgh, maister Jhonn Prestoun, dene of gild, Mungo Russell, thesaurer, Jhonn Jhonestoun, Robert Ker, younger, Henry Charteris, Jhonn Moresoun, William Mawle, Jhonn Harwod, Jhonn Robertsoun, William Inglis, Alexander Naper, William Nesbet, merchants, being on the counsall of the said burgh, for thameselffis, and in name and behalff and as commissioneris for the haill Merchants, indwellares of the said burgh, on the ane pairt; and Jhonn Cokburn of Ormestoun, maister Robert Pont, provest of the Trinity College, and maister Dauid Lyndesay, minister of Leith, juges arbitratouris chosin for the pairt of James Fergussoun, bower, Jhonn Bairnisfather, tailyeoure, twa of the craftismen, being on the counsell of the said burgh, Gilbert Prumrose, deykin of the chirurgeanes, Jhonn Watt, deykin of the hammermen, William Hoppringill, deykin of the tailyeoures, Edward Galbrayth, deykin of the skynneris, Edward Hairt, deykin of the goldsmythis, Adam Newtoun, dekyin of the baxteris, Thomas Diksoun, deykin of the Decreit arbitrall betuix the merchants and craftismen.

Decreit arbitrall.

furroures, Androw Williamsoun, deykin of the wrichts, William Bikertoun, deykin of the masouns, James Vr, deykin of the flescheouris, William Weir, deykin of the cordineris, Thomas Wricht, deykin of the wobsteris, William Cowttis, deykin of the walkeris, and William Somer, deykin of the bonnetmakeris, for thameselffis, and in name and behalff, and as commissioneris for the haill Craftismen, indwellaris of the said burgh, on the vther pairt; and the richt potent and illuster Prince, James, be the grace of God, King of Scottis, oure Souerane Lord, oddisman and owrisman, commonlie chosin be avyse and consent of baith the saidis pairteis, anent the removing of all questiouns, differences, and contrauersies, quhilks ar or hes bene betuix the saidis merchants and craftismen concerning quhatsomeuir caus or occasioun quhairvpoun debaitt or questioun did aryse in ony tyme betuix thame; and thairvpoun, baith the saids pairteis being bund, oblist, and sworn to stand, abyde, vnderly, and fulfill, the decreitt arbitrall and delyuerance of ws the saids juges and owrismen, but appellatioun, reclamatioun or contradictioun, as at lenth is contenit in ane submissioun made thairvpoun; baith the saidis pairteis clamis and greiffis gevin in be thame, with the ansueris maid thairto, and their richts, ressonis, and allegeances being hard, sene, and considerit be ws, and we thairwith being ryplie avysitt, efter mony sindrie conventiouns and metings, with lang travellis tayne heiranent, hes, all in ane voice, accordit, decernit and concludet vpoun the heids and articles following:

Electiouns.

First, to tak away all differences quhilks hes bene heirtofoir concerning the persouns quha had the gouernament of the town, thair number, power, or authoritie, and maner of thair electioun, it is fynallie accordit and decernit thairvpoun as followis:

Maiestrats.

The maiestrats and officemen, sic as provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesaurer, to be in all tymes cuming of the estaitt and calling of merchants, conform to the acts of parliament; and gif ony craftisman, excerceand merchandice, sall for his guid qualiteis be promovit thairto, in that caise he sall leif his craft and nocht occupy the sam be himself nor his sernands during the tyme of his office and sall nocht return thairto at ony tyme thairafter quhill he obtene speciall licence of the provest, bailyeis, and counsall to that effect.

The counsall to consist of ten merchants, to witt, the awld provest, foure awld bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesaurer of the nixt yeir preceding, and thre merchants to be chosin yeirlie to thame, and als to consist of aweht craftismen thairof, sex deykins and twa vther craftismen, makand in the haill the said counsall auchtein personis, and this by the officemen of that yeir, to witt, the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesawrer. Decreit arbitrall. Counsall.

And as to the maner of thair electioun, it is first generallie accordit and agreit, that na maner of persoun be chosin provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, or thesawrer, suppose thai be burgessis of the burgh and habill thairfore, without thai haif bene ane yeir or twa vpoun the counsale of befoir. And anent the counsale, the awld maner of gevin in of tikketis be the deykins, owt of the quhilk the twa craftismen wer yeirlie chosin, to be abrogatt, ceise, and expyre in all tymes cuming, swa that the saids twa craftismen sall be chosin yeirlie, without ony ingevin of tikkets, indifferentlie, of the best and worthiest of the craftis, be the saids provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsale allanerlie. And nane to be on the counsale abone twa yeir togidder, except thai be officemen, or be vertew of thair offices be on the counsale. Sicklyke, anent the lyttis of the bailyeis, thay sall nocht be deuydet nor cassin in foure ranks, thre to euerie rank, as thai were wont to be, bot to be chosin indifferentlie, ane out of the twelff lyttis, ane vther owt of allevin lyttis, the thrid owt of ten, and the fourt out of nyne lyttis. Anent the deykins that nane be electit deykin, except he that has bene ane maister of his craft twa yeir at the leist; and that nane of thame be continewit in thair offices of dekyinschip abone twa yeir togidder. Last, in generall, that nane haif vote in lytting, voiting, or electing of the provest, bailyeis, counsale, deykins, dene of gild, or thesaurer, bot the personis heirafter following in maner after specifeit. Electioun in generall.

And to proceid in the said electioun, it is fund guid to begyn at the cheising of the dekins of craftis, quhilks are fourtein in number, to witt, chirurgeanis, goldsmyths, skynners, furrours, hammermen, wrichts, masons, tailyeouris, baxteris, flescheouris, cordinaris, wobsteris, walkers, bonetmakeris. Swa the deykins now present sall stand and continew quhill the thrid counsale day befoir the awld tyme of electioun of the Electioun in speciall of Deykins.

Decreit arbitrall. Electioun in speciall of deykins.

new counsale, quhilk wes on the Wednisday nixt preceiding the Feist of Michaelmes; vpoun the quhilk thrid counsale day, the provest, bailyeis, and counsale now standand, extending to nynetein persouns, and fra thyne furth yeirlie and ilk yeir the provest, bailyeis, and counsale, constitute of the said twenty-fyve persouns, sall call in before thame the saids deykins of craftis, euerie ane seuerallie, and inquyre thair opinioun and jugement of the best and worthiest of thair craftis. Thairafter, the saids provest, bailyeis, and counsale, sall nominat and lyitt thre persouns of the maist discreit, godlie, and qualifeit persouns of euerie ane of the saids fourtene craftis, maist expert hand-lawboreris of thair awin craft, burgessis and friemen of the burgh of Edinburgh, quhairof the awld deykin sall be ane, and caus delyuer thir names to the deykins, euery ane according to thair craft; quhilk deikins on the morn thairafter sall assembill and convene thair craftis and everie craft be thameselffis furth of thir names sall elect ane persoun quha sall be thair deykin for that yeir; and vpoun the nixt counsall day after the said electioun the awld deykins, with sum of the maisteris of thair craftis, sall present the new deykin to the counsall quha sall authoreis thame in thair offices.

New counsale of deakens.

Nixt, to proceid to the electioun of the new counsale. The said day of presenting of the new deykins, the provest, bailyeis and counsall, now standand of nynetein persouns, and fra thine furth, the said day yeirlie, the provest, bailyeis and counsall, of twenty-fyve persouns, sall cheise furth of the saids fourtene deykins sex persouns to be adioynet with the new counsall for the yeir to cum and to haif speciall vote in lyiting and chesing of the provest, bailyeis, and counsall; and the sam day, the awld sex deykins quhilk wes vpoun the counsale the yeir preceding, to be removet, and haif na forther vote for that yeir, except sum of thame be of the number of the new electit deikins.

New counsell of merchands and craftis.

Thairafter, vpoun the Wednisday nixt preceiding Michaelmes ilk yeir, the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, thesawrer, and ten merchants of the counsale, and the saidis sex deykins and twa craftismen, and in the haill twenty-fyve persouns, and twenty-sex voits be ressoun of the provests twa votes, ordinarlie standand at all tymes, sall convene and cheise the new counsale, to the number of auchtein persouns, to witt, the awld pro-

vest, bailyeis, dene of gild and thesawrer of that yeir, and the saidis sex deykins to mak threttein persouns thairof, and to thame to be chosin thre merchants and twa craftismen, and thir persouns to be callit the new counsall. And gif ony persoun of the merchants chosin vpoun the new counsall happinis to be putt on the lyte of ane vther office and promovet thairto, ane vther sall be chosin in his rowme be the saids provest, bailyeis, and counsale.

Decreit arbitrall. New counsell of merchants and craftis.

Thridlie, to proceid to the chesing of the lyttis to the maiestrats and office-men, sic as provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesawrer. Vpoun the Fryday nixt thairafter, thair sall convene the said new counsall of auchtein persouns, and the awld counsall constitute of twelf persouns, viz., ten merchants and twa craftismen, the said new and awld counsall, makand twenty merchants and ten craftisman, and in the haill threttie persouns, by the provests od vote; quhilks persouns solemnatlie protesting befoir God that thai sall cheise the persouns quhome thai fynd maist meit, without favour, hatrand, or ony kynd of collusioun, then sall begyn and cheise the lyttis to the said maiestrats and office-men, to euerie ane of thame thre lyttis; that is to say, to the provest twa lyttis with himself; to the four baillies, euery ane of thame thre lytes, the awld bailyeis nocht beand ane except thai be new chosin thairto; to the deyne of gild, twa lyttis with himself; and to the thesawrer, twa lyttis with himself; quhilks haill lyittis sall be of the ordoure and calling of merchants, as said is.

Lytts of maiestrats.

Fowrtlie, to proceid to the electing and chesing of the said maiestrats and office-men. Vpoun the Tyisday nixt after Michaelmes yeirlie, thair sall convene the saids threttie persouns of new and awld counsall, and with thame the rest of the deykins of craftis quhilks ar nocht of the counsall extending to awcht personis, the haill personis swa convenand extending to threttie-aucht personis, by the provests od vote, thairof twenty merchants and awchtein craftismen; quhilks personis sall begyn at the lytis of the provest, and euerie ane in thair awin rank gif thair votes to sic as thai fynd maist meit for the weill of the town, according to thair conscience and knawlege, but feid or favour; and on quhome the greitest nomber of votes sall fall, that he be sworne, resauet, and admittit provest for that

Election of maiestrats.

Decreit arbitrall. Election of maiestrats.

yeir; and swa to proceid throw the lytes of the baillies, dene of gild, and thesawrer, quhill the said electioun be compleitlie endet. The saids prouest, baillies, dene of gild, thesawrer, and counsale, electit as said is, makand in the haill twenty-fyve personis, thay onelie, and na vtheris, sall haif the full governament and administratioun of the haill commounweill of this burgh in all things, as the provest, baillies, and counsale thairof, or of ony vther burgh had of before, or may haif heirafter, be the lawes or consuetude of this realme, infeftments and priveleges grantit to this toun be our Souerane Lordis maist nobill progenitouris; exceptand always thir cawssis following, in the quhilks the haill fourtene deykins of of craftis sall be callit and adioynit with thame to gif thair speciall vote and consultatioun thairinto, to witt, in electioun of the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild and thesawrer, as said is; in setting of fewis, or ony maner of taks, attoure the yeirlie rowping on Mairtymes evin; in gevin of benefices and vther offices in burgh, in granting of extents, contributiouns, emprwnts, and siclyke; bigging of commoun warks; and in disponing of the commoun guid abone the sowm of twenty pund togidder.

Wairning of the deykins and counsall.

Prouyding neuirtheles that the deykins nocht of the counsale or ony of thame, beand personallie wairnit to that effect and absenting thameselffis, swa oft the last deykin or ony vther that wes in lyte with him that yeir sall supplie thair rowme; and thai beand personallie wairnit, and absent, the rest comperand sall haif power to proceid. Gif ony of the provest, bailyeis, and counsall be absent, the rest quha ar present sall cheise ane vther in thair rowme.

Conventiouns.

And to avode all suspitioun that hes rissin in tymes past, throw the particulare assemblies and conventiouns, and convocations, contrer to the acts of parliament, and to the trubill of the quyett estaitt of this burgh, it is agreit and concludit, that nather the merchants amang thameselffis, nather the craftis and thair deykins, or visitouris, sall haif or mak ony particulare or generall conventiouns, as deykins with deykins, deykins with thair craftis, or craftis amang thameselffis, far les to mak privat lawes or statutes, poind and distreyngyie at thair awin handis for transgressiouns, by the avyse and consent of the provest, bailyeis, and counsale. Exceptand alwayes, that the dene of gild may assembill his brether

and counsall, in thair gild cowrts, conforme to the ancient lawes of the gildry and priveleges thairof; and that ony ane craft may convene togidder amang thameselfflis for the chesing of thair deykin at the tyme appoyntit thairto and in maner before expressit, making of masteris, and tryell of thair handiewark allanerlie: And gif ony brether or deykins of craftis sall find owt or devyse ony guid heids that may tend to the weill of thair craft, thay sall propone the sam to the maiestrats quha sall sett fordward ane act or statute thairvpoun and interpone their authority thairto, as it bees fund reasonable. Decreit arbitrall. Dene of Gild may conveyne his counsell.

Item, as twicheing the commissioners in parliament, generall counsall, and commissioneris in conventioun of burrowes, it is thocht guid be the commonaris that in all tymes cuming the ane of the saids commissioneris for the burgh of Edinburgh sall be chosin be the said provest and baillies furth of the number and calling of the craftismen, and that persoun to be ane burges and gild brother of the burgh, of the best expert and wise and of honest conversatioun. Commissioners.

Item, it is agreit, that the auditouris of all the townis comptis sall heirafter be chosin of equall number of merchants and craftismen, be the provest, bailyeis, and counsall. Auditouris.

Item, toward the lang controuerseis for the gildrie, it is fynallie, with commoun consent, appoyntit, agreit and concludet, that als weill craftismen as merchants sall be resauet and admittit gild brether, and the ane nocht to be refusit or secludet thairfra mair nor the vther, thay being burgesses of the burgh, als meit and qualefeit thairfore; and that gild brother to haif libertie to vse merchandice. Thair admissioun and tryell of thair qualeficatioun to be in the power and handis of the provest, bailyeis, thesaurer, and counsall, with the dene of gild and his counsall, quhilk sall consist in equall number of merchants and craftismen, gild brether, nocht exceiding the number of sex persouns, by the dene of gild himselff; and that na persoun, of quhat facultie soeuir he be, sall bruik the benefice of ane gild brother, without he be resauet and admittit thairto as said is. Gildrie.

Item, that na maner of persoun be sufferit to vse merchandice or occupy the handiewark of ane frie craft within this burgh, or yitt to exerce Burgesses, Crafts.

Decreit arbitrall. Burgesses, crafts. Extentis.

the libertie and privelege of the said burgh, without he be burges and frieman of the sam.

Item, becaus the merchants and craftismen of this burgh ar now to be incorporat in ane societie, and to mak ane haill toun and ane commoun weill, it is thocht expedient and concludit to abrogatt the former custome of devyiding and setting of extents, quhairin the merchants payet foure pairts and the craftis the fyft pairt; and thairfore it is agreit that as thai watche and waird togidder, swa in all extents, emprunts, contributiouns, and the lyke subsideis to be imposit vpoun the burgh, merchants and craftismen to beir the burding and chairge thairof indifferentlie owerheid, according to thair habilitie and substance, throw the haill quarteris of the toun, without diuisioun of the rollis in merchants and craftismen in ony tyme cuming. The extentouris sall be of equall number of merchants and craftismen, aucht personis of the ane calling and aucht personis of the vther, to be electit, sworne, and resauit be the provest, bailyeis, and counsale, owt of the maist discreit and skilfull of all the town, voyde of all partiall affectioun and hatrand; and that na persoun vsand the tred of merchant or craftisman, and occupeand the fredome of the burgh and habill to pay ony extent, nocht beirand the office of provest or bailyeis in the meanetyme, sall be ony wayis exemit fra the reall and actuall payment thairof.

Collectioun.

Item, as the haill body of the towne, consistand of merchants and craftismen, dois beir ane commoun burding of watcheing, wairding, extenting, and of the lyke publict chairges, haiffng ane commoun guid proper to nane, swa neidfull it is for making ane equall vnitie and cheritabill concord, that thair be in the haill toun bot ane collectioun and ane purse, nocht peculiar to any bot commoun to all, off the haill dewteis and casualiteis callit the entres syluer of prenteissis, upsettis, owlkliepenneis, vnlawes and siclyke, to be collectit in all tyme cuming and resauit baith of merchants and craftismen and put in ane commoun purse; and to that effect the merchants to tak and haif prenteissis, als weill as craftismen, and to be astrictit and oblist thairto, and na prenteissis alwayes to be resauit of ather of thame for schorter tyme nor the space of fyve yeir compleitt. And for the better knawlege to be had

heirof, and for obseruing ane guid ordour in collectioun of the sum, that thair be ane commoun buik maid and keipit be the commoun clerk of this burgh present and to cum, quhairin the names of all prenteissis to merchants and craftismen, the name of their maister, day of thair entres, and space of thair prenteischip, sall be insert and buiket, for the quhilk the clark sall haif at thair buiking of ilk persoun sex penneis, and for the owtdrawcht twelf penneis; quhilk buik sall be to the prenteis ane sufficient probatioun of his entres and ane chairge to the collectowris of the said dewteis. Gif ony man be ane prenteis heirafter and nocht putt in the said buik his prenteischip sall be to him of na effect. Alswa, be ressoun euerie industrie is nocht of lyke valour and substance, it is declairit quhat ilk rank or degrie of prenteissis sall pay, to witt, the merchant prenteis and sic kynd of peple as wer wont to extent with thame and ar nocht vnder ane of the said fourtene craftis, to pay at his entrie the day of his buiking to the said collectioun thretty shillings, and at his vpsett or end of his prenteisschip fyve pund. The prenteis to ane skynner, chirurgeane, goldsmyth, flescheour, cordiner, tailyeour, baxter, and hammerman, at thair entrie and buiking to the said collectioun twenty schilling, and for thair vpset fyve pund. The prenteis to ane masoun and wricht at his entrie threttein schillings foure penneis, and at his vpsett thre pund schilling aucht penneis. The prenteis to ane wobster, walker, bonetmaker, furrour, at his entrie ten schillings, and for his vpsett fiftie schillings. And thir dewteis to be taine by thair owklie-penneis, and dewteis of thair burgeschips. And to caus all persouns to be mair willing to enter thameselffis in prenteisschip with the burgesses and friemen of the burgh, this privelege is grantit to the saids prenteissis that thai sall pay na mair for thair burgesschip to the dene of gild bot fyve punds by the dewteis foirsaids. And in augmentatioun of the said collectioun, quhen ony persouns sall happin to be maid burgessis of this burgh quha wes na prenteis to ane merchant or craftisman, frie burges of the said burgh, or hes nocht compleitt his prenteisschip, sall pay to the said collectioun at his admissioun the doubill of the haill prenteis or entres syluer, vpsett and buiking, by the dewtie payet to the dene of gild for his burgesschip or gildrie, quhilk is twenty punds for his burgesschip and fourtie pund

Decreit arbitrall. Collectioun. Prenteissis. Burgesschip.

Decreit arbitrall. Collectioun, prenteisses, burgesschip.

for his gildrie; the privelege alwayes of the bairnis of burgessis and gild brether nocht beand preiugeit heirby, quha sall pay the awld and accustomat dewtie to the dene of gild allanerlie. Thir dewteis and collectiouns, or casualiteis of entres-syluer, vpsets, owlklie-penneis, vnlawes and siclyke, to be resauet in all tymes cuming of all merchants and craftismen indifferentlie, putt in the said commoun purse, and imployet be the advyse and command of the provest, bailyeis and counsall, for support and relief of the failyeit and decayet burgesses, merchants and craftismen, thair wyffes, bairnis and awld seruands, and vther puir indwellaris of the towne. The provest, bailyeis, counsall, and haill deykins, euerie yeir after electioun of the maiestrats, sall cheise the collectoures of the said dewteis and casualiteis of equall number of merchants and craftismen, and to devyse and sett down sic guid ordour as thai sall find meit and expedient for the perfyte and reddie inbringing thairof. And last, the said collectouris sall mak yeirlie compts of thair intromissioun thairwith at the tyme of making of the townis compts, and sall find sufficient cawtioun at thair admissioun for compt, rekning, and payment. Item, It is ordanet that baith the saidis pairteis, merchants and craftismen now present and thair successoures sall inviolablie obserue, keip, and fulfill this present apoyntment and decreitt arbitrall and euerie heid, clawse, and article contenit thairin. Likeas, his Maiestie and the saidis Juges willis and ordanis thame with willing hairts to put in obliuioun all bypast enormiteis, inbraice and interteine luif and amitie, and as thai ar of ane citie, swa to be of ane mynd; then sall thai be acceptit of God, stop the mowthis of thame quhilk tuik occasioun be thair diuisioun to sclander the trewth, then sall thai be mair habill to do our Souerane Lord acceptabill seruice and haif ane standing and florisching commounweill, and, fynallie, his Maiestie and the said juges will esteme thair lang travellis fruitfullie bestowet.

Collectoures.

Certification of the sett.

Attowre, his Maiestie and the saidis juges ordanis the practize and executioun of this present appoyntment and decreitt to be and begyn after the day and daitt heirof, and to continew and be obseruit and keipit as ane perpetuall law in tyme cuming; and quhasoeuir contravenis the samyn

sall be reput and haldin ane trubler of the quyett estaitt of the commoun weill, incur the note of infamy, and foirfalt and tyne thair fredome for euir; and vtherwayes to be persewit and pvnist as seditious personis, conforme to the lawis of the realme, with all rigour and extremitie. And ordanis thir presents to be ratefeit and approvit in his Highnes nixt parliament, and in the meynetyme the sam to be actit and registrat in the buiks of counsall and sessioun and to haif the strength of acts and decreitts of the lords thairof, and that thair authoritie be interponit thairto and letteres and executoriallis to pas thairvpon in forme as efferis. And for acting and regestring of the samyn, makis and constituts maisteris Jhonn Sherpe, Jhonn Prestoun, Thomas Craig, Jhonn Skene, owre procuratouris, coniunctlie and seuerallie, *in vberiore forma; promittendo de rato.* In witnes quhairof, the saidis juges and owrisman, togidder with the saids commissioneris, in taikin of thair consents and acceptatioun of the premissis, hes subscryuet thir presents with thair hands, as followes, day, yeir and place foresaidis. *Sic subscribitur:* JAMES R. ROBERT FAIRLIE of Braid, [etc.]

Certification of the sett.

14 *May* 1583.

[The provost, bailies and council,] for obedience of the decreitt abitrall gevin be the Kingis Maiestie and arbiteris specefeit thairin, betuix the merchantis and craftismen, and for executioun of that pairt of the sam bering that the counsall of the town, by the prouest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer, sall consist of ten merchantis and aucht craftismen, thairof sex deykinis and twa vther craftismen, as at lenth is specifeit in the said decreitt, nominat, votit, electit, and chuse Gilbert Primrose, chirurgeane, deykin, Johnne Wat, deykin of the hammermen, William Hoppringill, deykin of the tailyeouris, Edward Hairt, deykin of the goldsmythis, Edward Galbrayth, deykin of the skynneris, and Thomas Diksoun, deykin of the furroures, to be of the counsall of this burgh quhill the tyme of the new electioun appoyntit in the said decreitt and conform to the sam in all poyntis, quhilk personis comperand acceptit the said offices and gaif their aythis for lawfull administratioun thairof.

Electioun of the counsall of the craftis.

Precept, thesaurer, counsall buird.

In consideration that the number of the counsall is augmentit. ordanes Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to caus inlairge the counsell buirdis with formes and clayth efferand thairto.

25 *May* 1583.

Electioun of collectouris of the casualiteis.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] electit, nominat, and chuse Edward Galbrayth, skynner, and James Merchell, merchant, collectouris of the dewteis and casualiteis of the entres syluer, vpsett, owklie penneis, and vnlawes, mentionat in the decreitt arbitrall gevin and pronuncet be the Kings Majestie and certane arbiters betuix the merchants and craftismen of this burgh, conform to the said decreitt in all poyntis, and this quhill the tyme of the new electioun appoyntet to be at Michaelmes nixttocum.

Registering of decreit arbitrall.

The foresaid baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsell, and deykins of craftis, for thameselffis and haill body and community of the town, als weill merchants as craftismen, makis, constitutes, and ordanes Mr. Jhonn Scherp, Mr. Thomas Craig, Mr. Jhonn Prestoun, assessouris, and Mr. Jhonn Skene, procuratour fiscall, or ony twa of thame, thair procuratouris to compeir before the lords of sessioun and counsale quhatsumevir day or dayes convenient, and thair in name of the prouest, baillies, and counsell for the merchants, and of the said deykins of craftis for the haill craftis, on the ane and vther pairts, to consent to the regestering of the decreit arbitrall gevin be the Kings Majestie and arbitouris specifeit thairin betuix the merchants and craftismen, in the buikis of counsale, interponing of thair authority thairto with executioun to follow thairvpon in maner specifeit in the said decreit.

29 *May* 1583.

Banist craftismen, Kinlos, commissioners to the Kingis Grace.

[The bailies and council] directit maister Jhonn Prestoun, Jhonn Robertsoun, and Jhonn Watt to pas to the Kingis Grace in Linlythqw with ane lettre of the town, and to report his Maiesteis ansuer agane anent the craftis childer quha ar banist, and anent the townis effairis with the Abbott of Kinlos, gevand the saidis personis thair power and commissioun heirto.

31 *May* 1583.

The foresaid prouest, baillies and counsall, with the haill deykins of craftis, ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to pay to Jhonn Broun, collectour of the kirk annuellis, the sowm of ane hundreth threttie pund ane shilling ane penny ob., to be delyuerit to the ministeris for compleitting of thair stipendis the yeir of the said Jhonns compt.

Precept, thesaurer, ministeris stipendis, chairge, collectour.

4 *June* 1583.

The foresaidis baillies, counsall, and deykins of craftis, being of guid will and mynd to obey and fulfill the sentence and decreitt arbitrall gevin be our souerane lord the Kingis Maiestie and the juges arbitratouris chosin betuix the merchants and craftismen of this burgh, after consideratioun of sic heidis and articles contenit in the said decreit as aucht and suld be putt to present executioun without delay, hes devyset and sett down for the better obedience of the sam the ordour following, quhilk thai ordane and commands to be obseruit and keipit be the haill inhabitants of the said burgh. First, anent the article of the gildrie, to bring and reduce the said gildrie to the first institution thairof swa far as may be after swa lang confusioun of all things and to mak distinctioun betuix ane gild brother and vther singill burgessis quha ar nocht callit to that estaitt and honour within burgh, it is declairit, statute, and ordanet that na maner of persouns bot thai that ar swa resauet and admittit in the societie of the gild brether, top or sell in smallis any maner of wyne, walx, wad, spycereis of all sortis, clayth of silk, gold, syluer, or ony forane or owtlandis clayth of woll (exceptand alwayes thir claythis following, to witt, lynning freis, kelt, Yorkschyre clayth, cairsayes, and all sort of schrynking clayth quhilkis sall be commoun to all burgessis), dischairging and inhibiting all persouns sempill burgessis and vtheris quhilk ar nocht gild brether to tred, occupy, exchaynge, top, or sell in smallis fra this day furth the wairis and merchandice before writtin (exceptand as said is) vnder the payne of escheitt thairof, and that na gild brether vse the tred of topping and selling in smallis of sic grof waires as efferis nocht to the honestie of ane gild brother, bot specially of thir wairis following, to

Act for obedience of decreit arbitrall.

Gildrie.

Act for obedience of decreit arbitrall. Gildrie.

wit, oylie, saip, butter, fruitt, fegs, raisins, plowmdames, eggis, fische, vinagar, or sicklyke, vnder the payne of fyve pund swa oft as thai failyie. And for the better knawlege to be had of sic persouns as ar nather gild brether nor burgessis and yit vsurpis the liberty and privileges of this burgh, it is thocht guid, statute, and ordanet that the baillies be thair quarteris, with the dene of gild and four of the counsell adioynet with thame, sall call in before thame the haill inhabitants of this burgh to schaw and produce thair tikketts of burgessschip and gildrie, and sic as ar nocht frie to be discharget of all vsing of the liberteis of this burgh in tyme cuming quhill thai be maid frie, vnder the payne of twenty pund swa oft as thai failyie, and that thai fynd cawtioun heirvpoun.

Owlklie penneis.

Item, anent the article concerning the owlklie penneis, vnlawes, vpsetts, entres syluer and sielyke, it is thocht guid, statute, and ordanet that all gild brether vsand the tred thairof sall pay four penneis owlklie, all burgessis vsand merchandice with the gild brether that vsis nocht the tred of gildrie to pay owlklie twa penneis, and all craftismen levand be thair handiewark allanerlie, and all vtheris of lawer calling to pay owlklie ane penny; and thir owlklie penneis to be collectit, tayne, and vplittet quarterlie, begynnand the first quarter at Lambes nixt, and to be imployet for sustening of the faillit and decayet burgessis and fremen, thair wyffis, bairnis, seruands, and vther puir of the town, conform to the said decreitt.

Anent the vnlawes of this burgh quhatsumeuir, it is thocht guid that vpoun the counsall dayes, Wedinsday and Fryday, at counsale tyme, ilk baillie sall be his quarter gif in the names of sic persouns as he hes vnlawet, the sowm of the vnlaw and caus thairof to be insert in ane buik ordanet for that purpose, and according to the chairge of the said buik sall delyuer to the collectour of the vnlawes other the vnlaw or a sufficient poynd thairfore; and gif the baillies failyie, to pay the sam of thair awin purse.

Persons not burgessis.

Item. Becaus it is speciallie provydit in the said decreitt that nane sall occupy the liberty of the burgh bot sic as ar frie burgessis, and vnderstanding that the greitt multitude of jurnaymen or taskmen of the craftis ar na thing ellis bot idill vagabund persouns, bund to na maister,

trublers of the quyet estaitt of this commoun weill, polluting the sam with all wikketnes, and beris na burding with the towne bot ar verray hurtfull to the honest nichtbouris burgessis and frie craftismen of the sam; thairfore the saidis prouest, baillies, counsale, and deykins of craftis commandis and chairges, in our Souerane Lords name and thairis, that na sic persouns remayne within this burgh bot depesche thame selffis furth thairof vnder the payne of pvneissing of thair bodeis as vagabunds conform to the acts of parliament. Sielyke, it is statute that na maner of persouns mareit or vnmareit quhilkis ar nocht frie burgessis occupy ony craft within this burgh without thai be bund to ane maister as ane feyit seruand for meitt and fie for yeir or half yeir quha sall ansuer for him to the magestrats as law will, with certificatioun to the saidis persouns and thai failyie thai sall be tayne and putt in wairde, thair to remayne vpoun thair awin expenssis ay and quhill thai find cawtioun other to enter thame selffis bund as said is to ane maister within xxiiij houris, or ellis to desist and ceis and nocht to be fund within this toun vnder the payne foresaid and payment of ane pecuniar payne at the will of the magestrats.

Act of obedience of decreit arbitrall.

Persons not burgessis.

Item, anent the prenteissis, it is statute and ordanit for the better executioun of the said decreitt, that na persouns tak or resaue ony prenteissis to be bund to thame without thai enter thair names in the townis prenteis buik and pay the dewteis of ane prenteis, vnder the payne of fyve pund to the maister resaver, and that sic prenteissis sall nocht bruik the prevelege of ane prenteis in his burgesschip.

x Junij 1583. This act wes proclamet at the mercat croce be sound of trumpett be Rychert Tyning, messinger; witnesses, Mr. Jhonn Scrogy, George Kirkwod, Jhon Broun, Thomas Scheves,

7th *June* 1583.

Ordanis the baillies to bring and produce before thame on Wedinsday nixt the names of the nichtbouris with ane vnlaw of xviij s. of all thame that wes absent and without airmour and awaittet nocht vpoun the baillies on Wedinsday last at the day of law betuix the laird of Apillgorth and Alexander Baillie of Littilgill, or ellis a sufficient pledge for the said vnlawes, and that thai poynd with all diligence.

Baillies, nichtbouris, absent fra the day of law

14 *June* 1583.

Tailyeour, burgess gratis.

At the request of the Kingis Maiestie, grantes and admittis Phinlaw Tailyeour, laquay to his Maiestie, burges of this burgh gratis, and ordanis his name to be insert in the lokkit buik, and his aith of burges to be resauet.

College.

[The bailies and council granted the receipt of 600 merks Scots, being redemption price of an annual-rent of £40 Scots, which sum is "to be employet vpoun the commoun wark of the erectioun of ane college in the Kirk of Feild."]

26 *June* 1583.

Election of Broun, collectour

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts, "maid and constitute, electit and chuse Jhonn Brown, thair procuratour, factour and collectour, in thair names, to collect, inbring, and resaue the haill rent pertening to the guid town quhilk pertenit of before to the prebenderis of St. Geillis Kirk, Kirk of Feild, and Freiris Predicatouris of this burgh, with the haill restis."]

28 *June* 1583.

Registring of the vnlawes, clerkis.

The foresaid prouest, baillies, and counsell and [deacons of crafts,] for the better chairge to be maid and gevin to the collectoures of the vnlawes at the making of thair compts, fyndes it necessar that ane register be maid quhairin thai ordain their commoun clerk present and to cum to insert all the vnlawes to be delyuerit to thame be the baillies and thair officiaris, and becaus the regestring thairof and putting of the sam in guid ordour will be verray tedious and paynfull, thairfore ordanis the said collectouris to pay to the commoun clerk for his lawbouris foure penneis of ilk vnlaw registrat and insert be him in the said buik.

Admissioun of friemen to craftis.

The foresaidis prouest, baillies and counsale, with avyse of the haill deykins of craftis, for the better knawlege ta be had of all maner of persouns admittet to any craft as frieman thairof, that he may pay his vpsett to the collectouris appoyntet thairto, hes agreit, statute, and ordanet that in all tymes cuming sen the gevin of the decreitt arbitrall ilk deykin of craft bring and produce with him before the counsall all persouns admittet friemen to their craft, gif vp thair names to be insert in the commoun buik for payment of thair vpsett, and this to be done

the nixt counsell day after thair said admissioun, vnder the payne of payment of the vpsett be the deykins failyeing heirinto of thair awin proper purse, with als mekill for thair vnlaw in brekking of this present ordinance. Admissioun of friemen to craftis.

The foresaids prouest, baillies, counsall and deykins of craftis, vnderstanding that in this last generall conventioun of the estaitts haldin at Halyruidhous in Apryle last thair wes grantet to our Souerane Lord, for payment of his Graces dettis and vther effairis, ane generall extent of twenty thowsand pund to be tayne of the haill realme, and conform thairto thai ar chairgeit be his graces lettres to extent thair nichtbouris for the sam and for thair pairt of the kirkis thrids quhilk is deduceit in the kirks sowme, as at lenth is contenit in the said lettres vnder the signet, and sicklyke foreseying that the wark of the College at the Kirk of Feild new begwn is habill to leif of and decay, and swa the gift of the erectioun thairof sall expyre be vertew of the clause irritant contenit thairintill, without the sam be supportet be the guid town by the sowmes gevin thairto; for the quhilkis caussis, to witt for payment of thair pairt of the said extent and support of the said wark, thay haif agreit and consentit that ane generall extent of thrie thowsand markis be sett and vpliftet of the haill burgh and inhabitants thairof, and that extentouris be chosin for setting of the sam conform to the decreitt arbitrall gevin betuix the merchants and craftismen of the said burgh. Extent of iijm merk.

Anent ane kirk annuell of ane merk pertening to the guid town, and sumtyme to the prebenderis of the alter callit Iconii Saluatoris in Sanct Geills Kirk, to be vpliftet furth of the landis in the Kowgaitt of vmquhill Dauid Hereot, baxter, now pertening to Robert Ker, younger, componit and agreit with the said Robert that he sall pay to the collectour the sowm of four merk in full contentatioun of the haill byruns thairof, and to mak thankfull payment in tyme cuming. Compositio, Ker, chairge, collectouris.

Names and constitutis James Nicoll, merchant, and Jhonn Wilky, skynner, thair commissioners to pas to the Kings Grace in Sanct Androis and gif ansuer to his Maiestie anent the lettre sent to the town desyring thame to be cawtioners for fulfilling of his Maiesties pairt of the contract Commissio. Nicoll, Wilky.

Commissio. Nicoll, Wilky.

to be maid with ane Ewstachius Rogh, mynour, anent the setting of the mynis.

3 *July* 1583.

Appoyntment with Haliburtoun, prebendare.

Comperit Sir Walter Haliburtoun, ane of the prebendares of the College Kirk of Sanct Geill of the said burgh, and of his awin frie will, renunceit, gait ower, and simpliciter dimittit his prebendarie callit *Prebenda Sancti Nicolaj*, foundet in Sanct Nicolas ile within the said kirk, to the quhilk he wes provydet of awld be the prouest, baillies, and counsale for the tyme, with all richt, title, clame, propertie, and possessioun quhilk he had, hes, or may haif in and to the said prebendarie, fruits, rents, emoluments, and proffeits quhatsumeuir pertenand to the sam in all tymes cuming, and this in favouris of the saidis prouest, baillies, counsale, and community of the said burgh and thair successouris and collectouris in thair names, conform to their richts and titles quhilk thai haif or may haif thairto, as gif the said Walter wer naturally deid; and siclyke, constitutes and ordanis the said prouest, baillies, counsall, and community and thair successoures and collectouris in thair names his lawfull, vndowtit, and irreuocabill cessioneris, assignayes, and procuratouris *in rem suam* in and to the sowm of tuenty punds money of this realme restand awand to him of his pairt of the fruits of the kirk of Dunbernie for the space of twa yeiris last bypast be Lawrence Lord Oliphant and his cawtioneris, conform to ane obligatioun registrat in the buiks of counsale, and als in and to the haill anniuersareis, sawle messis, diergeis, Lady messis, syluer, and vthers commoun quhatsumeuir *in vberiore forma* with power to thame to intromett thairwith and call thairfoir as thai sall think best, in swa far as may pertene to him as ane of the prebendares foresaidis, and siclyke renunceit his richt and title to his said pairt of the fruits of Dunbernie, Poltie, and Moncreif in all tyme cuming, and that in favouris of the said prouest, baillies, counsale, communitie, thair successoures and collectouris in thair names; and forther, the said Walter oblist himself to delyuer to the guid town and thair collectouris all euidents, richts, and titles quhilk he had concerning the said prebendary and the said commouns; for the whilk caus the said prouest, baillies and counsale, for thame selffis and thair successouers, oblist thame and thair foresaidis to caus thair thesaureris

Precept collectouris.

or collectouris present and to cum to pay and delyuer to the said Walter yeirlie induring all the dayes of his lyfetyme the sum of twenty-twa pund allevin schilling sex penneis vsuall money of this realme. . . . . And in contentatioun of his byrunis of Dumbarnie ordanis maister Jhonn Prestoun, dene of gild, to pay to him twenty pund.

[illegible]

1 *July* 1583.

The prouest, baillies, dene of gild [council and deacons.] in consideratioun of the greitt paynes tayne and to be tayne be Andro Mekill in collecting and inbringing of the laitt custome at the port of Leyth, conform to the act of burrowes and lettres past thairvpon, thairfore gevis and assignis to him ane yeirlie stipend of twenty four pund to be tayne of the reddiest of the said collectioun induring his office of collectory.

[illegible]

Ordanis maister Johnn Prestoun, dene of gild, to pay to Johnn Smyth, gild officiar, the sowme of twa merk for his travelis tane and to be tane quhill the feist of Michaelmes nixttocum in wairning of the deykins of crafts, als weill of the counsell as that ar nocht of the counsall, to all dayes of counsall ordinare and extraordinare, and this by his ordiner fie be ressoun he is burthenit heirwith by the seruice quhilk he had of before. Precept, gild, Smyth, gild officiar.

10 *July* 1583.

In presens of the prouest, baillies, and ane pairt of the counsall, Jhonn Peblis in Peblis actit himself of his awin consent nocht to be fund byand any maner of skynis within this burgh or fredome thairof bot fra friemen of the sam, vnder the payne of escheitt of the said skynis. Peblis, skynis.

15 *July* 1583.

The prouest, baillies and ane pairt of the counsell ordanis ane lettre missiue to be direct in all thair names to Jhonn Thomesoun in Sañct Androis, requyring him to ansuer and delyuer to Jerome Bowie, sumlier to the Kings Maiestie, twa twnis of wyne, and thai sall caus him be satisfeit and payet of the reddiest of the Kings Maiesteis customes quhilkis the burrowes hes in taks. Lettre to Thomsoun, wyne to the King's Grace.

17 *July* 1583.

Precept thesaurer, Nesbet, Nicoll, Wilkyn.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to pay to Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, Jhonn Wilkyn, the sowm of fyftein pund sevin schilling sex penneis for thair expenssis in passing to the Kings grace to Sanct Androis with lettres of the townis and in vthers the towns effairs as thai wer directit be the counsell, speciallie anent the cawtionary desyret be the Kings grace of the burrowes.

19 *July* 1583.

Tabill of the customes.

Ordanis ane tabill to be maid and sett furth of the haill customes of this burgh at thair port of Leyth according to thair awld infeftment, and the sam to be putt in perchement in ane brod and affixt in ane publict place that nane pretend ignorance.

Precept. thesaurer, Jhonestoun.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to pay to Jhonn Jhonestoun, the sowm of twenty shilling deburset be him in the townis effairis, and gevin to the masers at the submissioun of the caus of Dumberny to the lordis.

Statute anent burges dochteris na virgins.

The same day, at afternone, the prouest, Andro Sclater, baillie, Mr. Jhonn Prestoun, dene of gild, Mungo Russell, thesaurer, [and council], for the better explanatioun of the act contenit in the gild buik, maid anent burges dochters quha ar commoun or notorious huiris, fyndes, declairis, statutes and ordanis that na burges dochter quha ather is ane commoun or notorious harlatt or quha sall anes defyle hir body with fornicatioun, and is nocht at the tyme of the solemnizatioun of hir mariage ane clene virgine swa repute and haldin, sall in ony tyme cuming bruik the priuelege of ane burges dochter to mak hir husband burges or gild brother be hir richt for the dewty vsit to be tayne of ane that mareis ane burges dochter, bot *ipso facto* to haif forfaltit and tint the said liberty for euir.

23 *July* 1583.

Commissioneris to Perth.

The prouest, [bailies and council] makis and constitutes Jhonn Robertsoun, merchant, and Michael Gilbert, goldsmyth, thair commissioners in the generall conventioun of the realme at Perth, to begyn the [*blank*] day of this instant, and ordanis ane lettre to be maid heiron vnder thair scill of caus.

26 *July* 1583.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanet that Andro Sclater, baillie, and Mungo Russell, thesaurer, suld pas and visy the schore of Leyth, and to consider quhair ony of the aisler staynes thairof ar lowsit, and the said thesaurer to caus repair the sam with all vther defalts in the said schore with diligence. Precept, thesaurer, schoir of Leyth.

The foresaid prouest, baillies, and ane pairt of the counsell ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to caus repair, beitt and mend the howse in the town wall at the north cheik of the West Port occupeit be Jhonn Mwre, porter, and to mak the sam sufficient in all necessaris. Precept, house at the West Port.

27 *July* 1583.

The prouest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and [council,] vnderstanding that the setteris of this last extent of iij^{m} merk hes set the rollis to ij^{m} j^{c} v li. iij s., by the extents of Leyth, Kingorn, and Innerkething and swa j^{c} v li. iij s. mair nor the principall sowm, by the said townis, and suspecting that thair sall be greitt defalcatiouns in the said rollis, thairfore approvis the doings of the said extentouris swa far as thai haif exceidit the principall sowm in the said superplus, and dischairges thame of all things that may be layet to thair chairge for the sam; and ordanis the said superplus to be imployet vpoun the wark of the College with the rest of the said extent appoyntet to that end, consideratioun beand alwayes had of the chairges of the rollis, setting and ingaddering of the said extent. Anent the extentouris of the last extent.

31 *July* 1583.

The prouest, [bailies and council,] after consideratioun of the missiue bill sent to the guid town be the conseruatour, desyring that the sending of skynnis to Flanderis be stayet for a seasoun, for the ressouns thairin contenit, ordanis missiues to be direct to the burrowes of Perth, Dundie, Muntrose, Sanct Androis, Abirdene, with a copy of the said bill, desyring thame to caus stay all skynnis at thair ports quhill forther aduertesment, and that thai send bak thair ansuer to the guid towne agane the xij of Staying of skynnis to Flanderis.

Staying of skynnis to Flanderis.

August nixt, gif thai will obey the sam or nocht, and quhill the said day ordanis that na skynnis be sufferit to pas at Leyth.

Laird of Sorne, his men to liberty.

At the requeist of the laird of Barnebarrow, ordanis the twa seruandis of the laird of Sorne to be putt to liberty, quha wes wairdet to hurting and wounding of vthers in the hie streitt, becaus the saidis hurtis ar nather deidlie nor mutulatioun, thay payand the vnlaw of bludwyte and fyndand cawtioun to keip the town harmles and skaythles of all that may be layet to thair chairge.

2 *August* 1583.

Extentis of Leyth, Kingorn, and Innerkethein.

[The provost, bailies, and council] ordanis precept to be direct to the baillies of Leyth, chairgeing thame to extent the inhabitants of Leyth thair pairt of the townes extent of the generall taxatioun to the sowme of fiftie pund allanerlie, in consideratioun of thair present decay in thair substance; and that lettres be sent to Kingorn and Innerkethein for thair pairt of the said extent, quhilk is Kingorn xxxiij li., and Innerkethein xxij li.

9 *August* 1583.

Cungyie, burrowes.

Ordanis lettres missiues to be direct to the burrowes of Hadingtoun, Dunbar, Northbervik, Lawder, Jedburgh, Selkirk, Peblis, Lynlythqw, Lanerk, togidder with a copy to ilk ane of thame of the overtures anent the brekking down of the cvngyie of the plakis, balbeis, nonsunts, half merkis, requyrand thame to send to this burgh agane Thurisday nixt thair commissaris sufficientlie instructet with thair mynd, thairanent, or ellis ane autentik writt contening thair said mynd, to be schawin be the guid town in the nixt generall conventioun.

Swescheour.

[The provost, bailies, and council "electit and chuse Robert Pook to be swescheour to the guid town induring their willis allanerly."

Wilsoun, beidmanship.

Granted to "William Wilson, wobster, the place of ane beidmanschip in St. Pawles Wark, vacand be deceis of James Tannahill, with all profleitts and dewteis and casualiteis belanging thairto, induring thair willis allanerly, and ordanis institutioun to be gevin to him heirvpoun gif neid beis."]

Marioribankis, chirurgeanes.

Comperit James Lyndsay, Henry Lumisdaill, Henry Blyth, James Craig, chirurgeanes, and beand sworne maid fayth and declairit that thai had sichtit the woundis and hurt of James Marioribankis, younger, in his

[*blank*] hand and airme, allegit gevin him be William Blythman, flescheour, and his complices, and that he was na daynger of his lyfe of the said wound at that present, bot gif he was mutilat culd nocht swa suddanelie declair the sam. Marionbankis, chirurgeanes.

10 *August* 1583.

Grantis and gevis licence to Jhonn Gilcryst, smyth, to sett vp ane traveis of tymmer for shoing of horsis besyde his smiddy at the new wall, swa that he pas nocht ower the gutter nor bewest the eising drop of his said smiddy. Gilchrystis traveis.

14 *August* 1583.

[Ordained the dean of guild to pay to "Jhonn Thomesoun masoun the sowm of fyve pund in contentatioun of his bounteth for repairing and mending the stepill heid, and sielyke remitts to him the sowm of £3, 6s. 8d. for his vpsett to his craft."] Thomsoun, stepill heid.

16 *August* 1583.

Electit and constitut my lord prouest, Jhonn Robertsoun, and Michaell Gilbert, goldsmyth, and Gilbert Prumrose, chirurgeane, commissioners for the guid town in conventioun of the estaitts to be begun and haldin at Sanctandrois the [*blank*] day of this instant, and ordanis ane lettre to be maid heirvpoun vnder thair seill of caus; and sielyk hes accordet that the ministers of this burgh quha ar writtin for to the said conventioun sall pas on the townes chairges. Commissioners to general convention, ministers.

[Ordained that the 6d. loaf weigh 16 oz.] Breid.

30 *August* 1583.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to caus prepair and gif to Sir Frances Welsinghame, imbassatour to the Quene of Ingland, the crotcherts and the wyne at his cuming to this burgh, and vther intertenement in his lugeing. Inglis imbassatour.

Vnderstanding that the said baillies ar dischairget be lettres of the secreitt counsall fra all asking, craving, and resaving be thame selffis, thair deputs or officeris, fra William Moncreif, of ony custom of sum horssis laithe brocht be him fra Swadyn, bot to suffer him to pas but trubill or impediment, vnder payne of rebellioun, as at lenth is contenit in the said letteres Moncreif, customes.

Moncreif, customes.

of the daitt the xx day of August instant, thairfore thai haif dischairget and be thir presents dischairgis thair fermorers of thair customes at the port and heavin of Leyth, thair seruands or substitutes, from taking of any maner of custome fra the said William or his souerteis for the said horsis, conform to the said lettres.

4 *September* 1583.

Ramsay, inbringing of the Sowth Loch.

Anent the offer maid be George Ramsay, brother to the laird of Cokpen, to inbring the Sowth Loch to the Kowgaitt, vpoun certane conditiouns proponeit be him to certane of the counsall appoyntet to confer with him, conform to his supplicatioun gevin in thairanent, appoynts and nominats the said Jhonn Jhonestoun [and seven others] to convene with the said George, consult, confer, and devyse with him anent the performing of the premissis and conditionis thairof, and to report agane to the counsall at sic tymes as thai think expedient.

6 *September* 1583.

Setting of the eill ark.

The provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and maist pairt of the counsall and deykins of crafts, settis to Edward Galbrayth, skynner, the eill ark at the eist end of the North Loch, for the space of thre yeir nixt followand the daitt heirof, he payand thairfore the sowm of ten markis to the maisters of the hospitale.

13 *September* 1583.

Proclamatio, bikkereris.

The baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer and ane pairt of the counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid, discharging all bikkerers vnder the payne of skurgeing of the vagabunds, and commanding euery persoun to keip the guid ordour vpoun the Sabboth day, thair bairnis and prenteisses, and to ansuer for thame vnder the pane of xl s. ilk persoun swa oft as thai failyie.

17 *September* 1583.

Deykins, lyttes.

The prouest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer, and Jhonn Jhonestoun [and eight others] of the counsall ordanit acts to be direct for wairning the haill deykins of crafts to compeir before the counsall the morn be ix houris to resaue thair lyttes of the deykins of crafts to be chosin for the yeir to cum, and to gif thair avyse and opinioun of the best

and worthiest of thair crafts conform to the decreitt arbitrall, ilk persoun vnder the payne of xviij s., and with certificatioun and thai compeir nocht, the provest, baillies and counsall will proceid according to the said decreitt. Deykins, lyttes.

Ordanis maister Jhonn Prestoun, dene of gild, to pay the sowm of twenty pund to maister Robert Rollok, quha is to be maister and regent of the College, and that for making his expenssis to transport himselff, his buikis and guidis, and vpsetting of his chalmer. Precept, 253, Rollok.

18 *September* 1583.

[The provost, bailies, and council having elected others in place of those of the council who were absent, and the deacons of crafts "comperand and thair opinionns and jugements hard of the best and maist honest persouns of thair saidis crafts quha wer habill to be deykins thairof, and thai seuerally removet, the provest, baillies, and counsall" elected certain persons to be on the leets for the deacons of crafts, all in terms of the decreet arbitral.] Lyttes of deykins.

20 *September* 1583.

["In presens of the provest, baillies and counsall, comperit the awld deykins and brether of the crafts vnderwrittin, and presentit the persouns following, as electet be the saidis crafts owt of the lyttes gevin and schawin to thame to be deykins of crafts for the yeir to cum, to witt," chirurgians, Robert Henrysoun; tailors, Alexander Owsteane; hammermen, John Watt; furriers, Thomas Diksoun; cordiners, Thomas Bruce; goldsmiths, Thomas Annand; skinners, Jhonn Bannatyne; websters, Thomas Wrycht; fleshers, James Vr; wrights, Richert Burn; masons, Mungo Tailyiefer; walkers, William Cowts; baxters, James Wod; bonnet makers, William Somer.] Presenting of the new deikins.

["The foresaidis provest, baillies and counsall, owt of the saidis new dekyns, electit and chuse the persouns following to be of the new counsall of this burgh for the yeir to cum, to witt, Robert Henrysoun, chirurgeane, Thomas Annand, goldsmyth, Alexander Owsteane, tailyeour, Jhonn Watt, smyth, Johnn Bannatyne, skynner, Thomas Bruce, cordiner."] New counsell.

25 *September* 1583.

In presens of the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and Jhonn Jhonstoun [and nine others] of the awld counsall, comperit the sex deykins of crafts electit on the new counsall, to witt, . . . quha acceptit of the said office of new counsaiouris for the yeir to cum and gaif thair aythis Election of council.

Election of council.

for dew administratioun thairof. Quhilkis provest, baillies, and counsall, awld and new, procedand to the electioun of the rest of the new counsale, first, for completing of thair number quha hes vote thairinto, electit and nominat the persouns following to vote in absence of thir persouns vnderwrittin, viz., in absence of my lord provest James Ros; in absence of Robert Ker, younger, William Cokburn, younger; and in absence of Jhonn Harwod, Andro Stevinsoun; quha comperand acceptit the said office vpoun thame. Thairafter comperit Mr. George Young, seruitour to the Kings Majestie, and producet ane lettere direct be his Majestie to the baillies, counsale, and deykins of crafts, off the quhilk the tenour followes:—Richt trest freinds, we greitt yow hairtly weill. Vnderstanding the tyme of the electioun of your magistrats to be now at hand, and desyrous to haif sic men plaiceit in your publict offices for the yeir to cum as ar knawin honest, of guid experience, and loving and affectionat in our seruice, we haue send yow heirwith the speciall names quhome we can best lyke to be chosin of the new counsall, and in baillies, thesaurer, and dean of gild for the yeir to cum; quhilks haill persouns we vnderstand hes borne publict office of before, and swa ar the mekill mair habill to do thair dewteis this yeir, quhome we ar rather desyrous to haif plaiceit to serue be ressoun of thair knawin guid will and affectioun, and that the difficultie of the present tyme, subiect to practizes and dealing displeasant to ws, requyris those of tryet persouns, the rather becaus our intentioun is, God willing, to be for the maist pairt resident amangs yow; desyring yow thairfore effectuouslie, as ye tender our plesure and the contentment of owre mynd, that Dauid Williamsoun, William Nesbet and Hew Lawder may be chosin on the new counsale for the merchants; William Harvy, tailyeour, and Thomas Myller, cuitler, for the crafts; that Henry Nesbet, William Littill, James Nicoll, merchants, and Thomas Aikinheid, skynner, may be baillies, James Adamsoun, merchant, deane of gild, and James Ros, merchant, thesaurer. Heirin we lippin to be satisfeit, our requeist being swa resonabill; desyring yow alswa to credite the berer in that quhilk he sall speik to yow on our behalff. Sa we committ yow to God. At Falkland the xxij of September 1583. *Subscribitur:* JAMES, R. And being avyset with the said lettre and credite of the berer, quhilk

Kings lettre to the councell.

wes conform thairto in all poynts, fyndes it necessar to direct William Fairlie, baillie, and Alexander Owsteane, tailyeour, with thair ansuer be ane letere in writt to his Majestie, desyring his Grace to consider thair priveleges and acts of parliament, and quhow perilous it is in the begynning to brek any poynt of the decreitt gevin in be his Majestie, and seing thair intentioun wes to chuse na vthers bot sic as thai thocht his Majestie suld lyke weill of as persouns of jugement and diligence in thair office, and for quhome the towne sall be bund to ansuer, that thairfore thair priveleges with the lawes of the realme and the said decreitt may tak place, and ordanis ane letere to be writtin to my lord provest desyring his lordship to pas to court with the saidis persouns, and to assyst thame in thair suitt, and to cum with thame to this burgh agane Fryday nixt, to the quhilk day thay continew all forther electioun of the new counsall that thai may heir forther of his Majesteis will and mynd, but preiudice alwayes of thair ancient liberties.

Electioun. Kingis letre to the counsell.

27 *September* 1583.

[The bailies and council] beand of purpose to proceid in the commoun effairis, comperit Jhonn Androw, seruand to the Kings Majestie, and produceit his Graces lettre direct to thame, quhairof the tenour followes: Traist freyndis, we greitt yow hairtlie weill. In our last lettre to yow, quhairin we gaif yow significatioun of our mynd toward our lyking of sum speciall persouns to be electit in magistrats and officiares of that our burgh for the yeir to cum, we omittet to mak mentioun of your provest as nocht beand than resolute, bot now having thocht of diuers, thair is nane quhome we can be better contented with then Alexander Clerk, your awin nichtboure, quha hes occupeit that charge thir sindrie yeiris last bipast; desyring yow thairfore effectuuslie that, respecting this present time quhairin we wald airnistlie wis that our cheife town to haif sic magistrats as wer knawin weill affectionat to our seruice, ye will elect and nominat the said Alexander your prouest, and the vtheris speciall persouns mentionat in our former lettere in your magistrats and vtheris officiares, quhilk we trest assuretlie sall honestlie dischairge thair dewteis to our plesure and your satisfactioun, seying thai haue all bene imployet in lyke chairge of before, as ye will declair your guid affectioun to content

Electioun. Lettre from the King.

Electioun. Lettre from the King.

our mynd and do ws acceptabill plesure, and swa, requyring yow to credite the berer, our seruitour, committs yow to God. At Falkland the xxiiij day of September 1583. *Subscribitur:* JAMES, R. And siclyk, it wes reportet be William Fairlie, baillie, and Alexander Owsteane, tailyeour, quha wes direct to his Majestie with the townis ansuer to his graces former lettere, after declaratioun of thair procedings in the end, that it wes his Majesteis will that the persouns mentionat in the saidis twa letteres suld be chosin to the said offices and na vtheris, and beand avysit heirwith, for obedience of his Majesteis will and desyre heirinto, be thair

New counsall.

seuerall votes, for the maist pairt nominat, admittet and creat Dauid Williamsoun, William Nesbet, Hew Lawder, for the merchants, and Thomas Myller, cuitler, and William Harvy, tailyeour, for the crafts, to be of the new counsall for the yeir to cum. And the said Mungo Russell, thesaurer, protestit, in name of the town, that this present obedience of the Kings Majesteis lettere suld nocht prejuge the town heirafter in thair frie electioun conform to the liberties grantet to thame.

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Electioun of provost, baillies, deyne of gyld, and thesaurer.

The prouest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsall, awld and new, and haill deykins of craftis, being convenit for electing of the provest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer for the yeir to cum, comperit William Harvy, tailyeour, quha wes admittet on the new counsale, and acceptit the said office vpoun him, and gaif his ayth for administratioun thairof. Thairefter comperit Rychert Bynning, messinger, and producet our Souerane Lordis letteres, vnder his graces subscriptioun and signett, and thairwithall chairget the said provest, baillies, and counsell, awld and new, and the said deykins of crafts, to convene, elect, and cheise the persouns of the new counsall, and siclyk the provest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer mentionat in his Graces former letteres missiues, and thai beand electit that thai suld accept the said offices and rowmes, and gif thair aythis, and exerce the said office within xxiiij houris, vnder the payne of rebellioun, and gif thai failyeit to putt thame to the horne, as at lenth is contenit in the saidis letteres, of the daitt att Falkland the xxiiij of September last. For obedience of the quhilk letteres,

the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall and deykins, for the maist pairt of thair votes, enterit and chuse the lyttes of the provest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer as followes, to witt, for the provest, maister Jhonn Prestoun, James Adamsoun and the awld provest; for the baillies William Littill, Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, Thomas Aikinheid, Michaell Gilbert, Jhonn Robertsoun, Alexander Vddert, Robert Bog, Patrik Cochraine, Jhonn Mayne, William Mawle, Jhonn Fischear; for the dene of gild James Adamsoun, maister Michaell Chisholm and the awld dene of gild; for the theasurer James Ros, Patrik Cochrane and the awld thesaurer. And Jhonn Jhonestoun, Jhonn Robertsoun protestit that thai committet the governament of the town to the persouns contenit in the Kings grace lettre; and Robert Henrysoun disassentit to ony electioun bot allanerly to admitt the said persouns; and heirvpoun the saidis persons askit instrumentis. Thairafter the said provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsall, and deykins of crafts, be thair seuerall votes, for the maist pairt, electit furth of the said lytts as followes, to witt, Alexander Clerk, provest, William Littill, James Nicoll, Henry Nesbet, Thomas Aikinheid, baillies, James Adamsoun, deyne of gild, and James Ros thesaurer. And the said Alexander Clerk, provest, acceptit the said office vpoun him.

Electioun of provest, baillies, deyne of gild, and thesaurer.

2 *October* 1583.

[The provost, bailies and council,] in consideration that it appertenis to the liberteis of this burgh that the counsall and maiestrats suld be yeirlie creat be electioun, and that thai wer chairget be the Kings Maiestie to cheise the persouns nominat be his grace, quhilk ordour thai followet in creating of the maiestrats, and wes omittet at the making of the new counsall, thairfore to satisfie sic as thinkis thame selffis interest thairby, ordanit that the admissioun suld stand as gif it had past be way of electioun, and the act to beir that thai wer electit and chosin.

Anent the electioun of the new counsale.

For compleitting of the number of the counsall, electit, nominat, creat and chuse Jhonn Jhonestoun, collectour to be of the counsall, in place of the awld provest, be ressoun he wes electit of new provest.

Electio, Jhonestoun, counsalour.

For keping ane guid ordour in convening of the counsall vpoun the ordiner dayes of Wedinsday and Fryday ilk owlk, it is statute and ordanit that thai sall convene immediatlie after the sermon, and the

Convening of the counsall.

bell to ring to the counsall for the space of ane quarter of ane hour, and quha sall be absent without ane lawful excuis maid to the provest, ane of the baillies, or dene of gild, he that cumis after the ceissing of the said bell to pay to the counsall boxe xviij d., the persouns absent at x houris to pay ij s., at xj houris to pay iij s., and absents the haill day to pay vj s. viij d. Sielyke, quha sall be personally warnet to ony extraordiner dayes and beis absent, without ane lawfull excuis maid as said is, to pay to the said boxe xl d.; and that the baillies caus the said vnlawes be tayne and putt in the said boxe with all rigour.

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Wilsoun, St Pawlis Wark.

Comperit Roger Wilsoun, maister of hospitale at Saynct Pawlis Wark, and declairit that he red the prayers in the hospitall conform to the iniunctiouns gevin to him, and now is discharget be the kirk, and thairfore protestit that the falt be nocht imputt to him.

College, Kirk of Feild.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to pay and delyuer to William Fairlie the sowm of allevin pund, to be gevin for owtredding of the twa privie seillis, ane of the lettere of the erectioun of the College and ane vther of ane lettere concerning the provestrie of the Kirk of Feild.

Bailies of Leyth, assessouris, collectouris.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts elected Johnn Thomsoun and Dauid Quhyte to be bailies within the town of Leith; and Mr. Johnn Scherp, Mr. Thomas Craig, and Mr. Johnn Prestoun, younger, "assessouris to the guid toun for the yeir to cum;" and the provost, bailies, and council elected Johnn Watt, smith, and James Merchell, merchant, "collectouris of the entres syluer, owlklie penneis, vpsetts, and vnlawes, conform to the decreitt arbitrall."]

Convening of the deykins.

The foresaid provest, bailyies, counsall and deykins, statute and ordanet that the rest of the deykins of craftis quha ar nocht of the counsall, beand warnet personallie to compeir before thame vpoun the ordiner counsall dayes, and absents thame selff without ane lawfull excuis, and comperis nocht before xj houris, sall pay ane vnlaw of xviij d., and gif thai be absent the haill tyme to pay xl d., and beand warnet to extraordiner dayes and nocht comperand sall pay the said vnlaw of xl d.; provyding that quhen thai haif ane lawfull excuis that thai cause ane of thair brether quha wes on the lyte of the dekinship with thame this yeir to supplie thair rowme, or ells thai sall pay the said vnlawes.

7 *October* 1583.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts], in consideratioun that the nicht growis lang, the parliament approcheis, and conthuence of pepill in this burgh will incres, thairfore fynds guid that ane nichtlie watche be sett of xxx persouns, nychtbouris of this burgh, habill and weill airmet, and referris the ordoring thairof to the baillies, ordaning thame to owersie the sam, pvneis the absents, and to se that nane be fund in the gaitt after the watche sett. Nicht watche.

Having be lang experience thir tymes bypast perfytelie considerit the multitude of insolent and seditious persouns, tuilyairs and trubleris of the quyett estaitt of this burgh, iniurious and contumelious to thair nichtboures be sclanderous speehis, daylie growing to sic inconvenient at dyners tymes the maiestrats and officiaris of this burgh thameselfis hes bene offendit, violat, and disobeyit, to thair greitt daynger, the raire pvnisement and small penalteis appoyntet for greitt offences being for the maist pairt the caus thairof; thairfore the saidis provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts, with deliberat mynd and full consent, for contening of the inhabitants of the said burgh and vthers his Hienes subiects repayring thairvnto in thair dew obedience to his Maiestie and lawes, and having of his Hienes predicessoures of maist ancient memorie full authoritie and power to mak statuts and constitutiouns seming vnto thame maist convenient for quyetting of the estaitt of the said burgh, and to putt the sam to dew executioun with all rigour vpoun the offendares according to thair merites, haif statute and ordanet that na convocatioun be maid within the said burgh be quhatsumeuir persoun or persouns resident within the sam to the hurt and preiudice of the commoun law, vnder the paynis contenit in the acts of parliament maid be our Souerane Lord and his predicessoures thairvpoun before to be execuit with all rigour. It is alswa statute and ordanit that gif ony persoun sclander, blaspheyme, or iniure his nychtbour be malicious and vndecent wourds importing sclander and offence, salbe summerlie tryet be twa or ma famous witnessis, the persoun being convict sall pay to the towne ane vnlaw of twenty schillings, or ellis sall stand in the jogs at the mercat croce be the space of thre houris. As als gif ony persoun invaid Statute against iniuris, trublance, strykking, invaiding, wawpons, drawin bluid.

Statute anent iniuris, trublance, etc.

ane vther or stryk with thair hands, feitt, or with stayne, battoun, sworde, quhyngear, knyfe, or ony vther kynd of wawpoun, howbeit he thairby draw na bluid, the striker sall pay to the towne ane vnlaw of sex pund threttein schillings foure penneis; gif bluid be drawin of him that is strikken, the drawer of the said blude sall pay to the towne ane vnlaw of ten pund; and gif ony persoun minace, brag, or bost ane vther swa that trublance thairby aryse, howbeit na bluid nor straiks follow, the said persoun minaceing and bosting sall pay ane vnlaw of fyve pund. And for the better executioun of this statute, it is ordanet that with all diligence the persouns suspect of the saidis offences and trubillances sall be putt in wairde, furth of the quhilk thai sall nocht be fred till tryell be taikin of the saidis offences; and for payment of the saidis vnlawes the persouns convict sall remayne in warde till thai satisfie the samyn, and forder quhill thai mak ane amends to the persouns offendit according to the qualitie of the fawlt, at the discretioun of the juges; and siclyke ay and quhill thai fynd cawtioun sufficient to absteyne fra the lyke offence in tyme cuming vnder sic paynes as the juges sall think maist expedient. It is alwayes vnderstand that the awld acts of this burgh, be the quhilks the persouns that are notit and convict of commoun tuilyie be baneist the liberty thairof, sall be putt to dew executioun in all poynts. And gif ony of the persouns quhilkis sall be convict of the said offences be nocht responsall for the vnlawes, and for the amendment of the pairteis, thay sall remayne in presoun fed with breid and watter be the space of ten dayes langer or schorter according to the wecht of the cryme. And nochtwithstanding the saidis speciall penalteis, it sall be lefull to the provest and bailyeis of the said burgh, with avyse of the counsale, vpoun wechtie considerationns be the circumstances of the falt to aggravat the payne thairof be gritter pvnisement of the offendaris in thair bodeis and guids. It is alwayes provydet that this present statute and ordinance be on na wayes extendet to slawchteris, mutilatiouns and demembrings, quhilk sall happin to be committet within the said burgh, bot that the samyn sall be pvneist according to the lawes of this realme; and als that the samyn statute be vnderstand but preiudice of our Souerane lords actioun competent to his hienes aganis quhatsumeuir transgressour

quhair the transgressiouns may nocht be pvneist be the power and authoritie of the said proueist and baillies. Mairower thair is dyuers and sindrie notabill actis of parliament sett furth for the pvnisement of convocatiouns, raising and stirring vp of seditioun within burgh, and for the bereris, havears vpoun thame and wearers of hagbuts, dags and pestilots, and shuiteis thairwith, as is in the 57 act of King James the Ferd,[1] in the 19 chapter of the acts of our Souerane Lords darrest mother,[2] and in the 21 cap. of the acts of our Souerane Lord in the parliament holdin at [*blank*] in [*blank*],[3] quhilkis the said provest, bailyies, counsell and deykins for dischairgeing of thair dewtie to our Souerane Lord intendis to putt to dew executioun in all poynts. And lest ony suld pretend ignorance of the said acts of parliament, the saidis provest, bailyies, counsall and deykins hes ordanet the samyn to be proclamet, publist, and red, with this present act, at the mercat croce. Statute against injurie done to James, &c.

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The provest, bailyies, and counsell fyndes and declairis that quhair ony persoun is in debt, or mak trublance, disobedience, or ony offences within burgh, and fraudfullie contenis thame selflis in private houssis, that [it] is lesum to enter in the saidis houssis, seise thair persouns and apprehend and bring thame to the howse of justice, quhilk is nor sall be na offence to the maiestrats or officeris doares thairof. Apprehending persons in private houses.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that all middings, red, fuilyie and swyne cruvis be putt of the hie streitts and venellis within xxiiij houris, vnder the payne of xviij s. swa oft as thai failyie; that na swyne be fund in oppin streitts vnder the payne of escheitt and slawchter of thame, and that na priveis rin throw the streitts, vnder the said payne for the first falt, and fra thine vnlawing, imprysoning, or pvneissing at the will of the maiestrats. Proclamatio, middings, swyne, priveis.

It wes fund guid and concludet that Henry Nesbet, baillie, and Commissio, Rex.

[1] 1491. c. 17, Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, Vol. II., p. 226.

[2] 1563, c. 21, *Ibid.*, Vol. II., p. 543.

[3] 1567, c. 23, *Ibid.*, Vol. III., p. 29; Act of Convention, 5 March 1574, *Ibid.*, Vol. III., p. 84 1579, c. 25, *Ibid.*, p. 146; 1581, c. 30, *Ibid.*, p. 225.

Commissio, Rex.

William Harvy sall pas to the Kings grace in certane effairis of the town, specially anent Robert Balfour, the College and Sanct Androis, anent the laitt proclamatioun in Bervik anent the coillis and quheit careit furth of the cuntrey, and that his informatioun and instructiouns, with a lettre to the Kings Maiestie, be gevin to him in writt.

11 *October* 1583.

Proclamatio, scholers, college.

The provest, bailyies, and maist pairt of the counsall beand convenit, ordanit proclamatioun to be maid wairning all scholers and students that war to enter them selffis to be instructet in the College, that thai cum to ane bailyie and gif vp thair names, quha sall tak ordour for thair placeing and instructing.

Buriale place.

Gevis power and commissioun to William Littill, bailyie, and the dene of gild, deputand thame to putt ordour and reformatioun to the making of the gravis and brekking of the grund in the buriale place, and keiping of the sam and treyis and planting thairinto.

Making of the statutes.

Gevis thair power and commissioun to the bailyeis [and eight others] to sitt and revew the statutes of the last yeir vpoun breid, aill, malt, candill, and siclyk with the vther awld statutes, and to caus mak the pryces for this yeir and sett furth the new statutes.

Pryces.

Gevis power and commissioun to the bailyies ilk merket day to sett the pryces vpoun the butter, cheise, fische, and pultrie cumand to be sawld in the merket, and to se the sam sawld to the nychtbouris of the said pryce and pvneis the transgressouris.

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Ane lettere fra the Kings grace anent guid ordour in the toun.

The provest, bailyies, and counsall beand convenit for the maist pairt, comperit Jhonn Androw, writter and clerk deputt of the secreitt counsall, quha producet ane lettre sent be the Kings grace to the guid town, quhilk thai ordanet to be insert in this buik *ad perpetuam rei memoriam*, off the quhilk the tennour followes:—Trest freynds, we greitt yow weill. Beying myndet to disappoynt the privie practices of sum bissie persouns travelland be all meanes to interteny factiouns and seditioun within that

Ane lettre fra the Kings grace anent guid ordour in the toun.

our burgh, and for this purpose vnderstanding nathing to be mair requisit nor the executioun of our lawes and paynis preseryuet thairin vpoun the transgressours thairof, we haif thairfore thocht guid to signifie sumquhat of our intentioun to yow in this behalf, quhilk is that we ar na wayes myndet to beir with sic tumultuous forme of doings as wes attemptit this last yeir be certane inhabitants of that our burgh, and cheifly aganis the maiestrats thairof for the tyme, steirit vp we dowt nocht be sum factious persouns takand thair avantage of the tyme, swa vpoun all persouns preissing to attempt the lyke forme of doing heirafter mynd we to vse that extremitie that possiblie we may, sen vtherwayes our lenitie and owersicht of things past can nocht move thame to do thair dewty, being deliberat to haif that towne anes brocht to that poynt as it may be voyde of all suspicious and indirect deilling, quhairvnto seying your travellis and diligence may work guid effect, we will desyre yow effectuouslie that ye will nocht faill to vse your offices as becumis yow, als weill in rewling and governing of that our burgh and inhabitants thairof vnder our obedience, as in repressing, withstanding, and pvneissing of quhatsumeuir persouns, contraveners of our lawes, moveris or authores of seditioun or vtherwayes disobedient to ws and our authoritie, quhairinto we assuir yow be this our lettere of our assistance and concurrance, swa that quhasaeuir sall withstand yow be word or deid sall haif the pruif of our indignatioun, to the terrour of vtheris to do the lyke heirafter. Forther, becaus before our cuming thair we wald wische all occasiouns of trubill suld be removit, ye sall thairfore traivell that the laitt vnhappie accident quhilk happinit to fall owt betuix certane of your nichtboures may be componit and taikin vp, willing ather of thame in our name to yeild to that thing that is resonabill, and assuring the refusar of our mislyking, and that we can na vtherwayes esteme of him bot ane trubler of the guid and quyett estaitt of that our burgh, quhilk we man withstand. In this doing, as we ar cairfull of your weill and to haif vnitie and concord interteneit amangs yow, swa we dowt nocht of your diligence and willing mynde to satisfie our desyres, quhairin ye sall do ws acceptabill plesure and guid seruice. Thus for the present we committ yow to God. From Falkland the vij day of October 1583. *Subscribitur:* JAMES, R.

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Querrellis.

In respect of this wynter seasoun at hand, dischairges all forther wynning of staynes in the querrells owtwith the Grayfreir port, and ordanis the staynes win to be led and kepit fra steilling.

Kowgaitt port, town wall.

Ordanis James Nicoll, bailyie, and with him any twa of the counsall, to pas and visie the falts in the Kowgaitt port and the decayet places in the town wall fornent the Grammer Schole, and to report the sam the nixt counsall day that ordour may be tayne thairwith.

Present collectouris.

Ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawis to pay owlklie to Androw Thomsoun the sowm of sextein schillings of the reddiest of the vnlawes, and that for keping of the maisterfull and sturdy beggaris of the Hie-gaitt at all tymes, and that ay and quhill the collectouris be dischargit thairof.

Anent the seik infants.

Ordanis James Ros and Robert Henrysoun to pas to the sessioun of the kirk the morn, with sic of the baillies as beis thair, and to schaw thame of the multitude of young infants and bairnis quhilk ar oft tymes left in the streitts and layet at the bailyies durris ourgane with seiknes and infirmiteis, and to desyr thair avyse for putting ordour thairto and helping of tham, and to report the sam to the counsall on Fryday nixt.

College.

Ordanis William Littill and Henry Nesbet to assemble and convene togidder vpoun Sonday nixt afternone the persouns quha wes nominatt to sett downe and devyse the ordour of teacheing with the discypline to be keipit in the College now erectit, and to se that this mater be putt to ane guid poynt.

Annual statutes.

[Here follow "the actis and statuts of the burgh of Edinburgh, maid and sett furth be the prouest, baillies, and counsell of the samyn, xvj Octobris 1583, and proclamit at the mercatt croce the xxj day of the the said moneth." The acts refer to baxteris, malt, aill, browsteris, meill, quheit, beir, corne, fische, pultrie, flescheores, talloun, candilmakeris, staibleris, woll, hydis, skynnes, Leith, huiksteris, middings, scheildis, furrouris, walkeris, red, swyne, weaponis, assisis, witnessis, craymes, aithis, bairdis, fornicatioun, vnlawes, vagabundes, actiounes. The following prices were fixed: bread, the sixpence loaf baked by baxters within burgh to weigh seventeen ounces, and that baked by outland baxters to weigh twenty-one ounces; malt, 9 firlots, £5, 10s.; ale, 6d. the pint; tallow, 20s. the stone; the pound of candles "for xviij d. the rag weik and xvij d. the hard weik."]

18 *October* 1583.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, and counsall, ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer of the yeir past, and James Nicoll and Hew Lawder to visie the town wall at the Blakfreir kirk yaird and Kowgait port, and the said thesaurer be thair avyse to caus beitt, mend, and repair the samyn. Town wall.

21 *October* 1583.

The bailyeis dene of gild, and maist pairt of the counsall, being convenit, at the requeist of certane nichtbouris of Hadingtoun, be quhome it was meanet that thai wer maist enormly handlit and chairget, vnder payne of horning, to cheise thair prouest, bailyies, and counsall, of new ordanit Henry Nesbet, bailyie, and William Harvie, quha wes direct of before to pas to the Kings Maiestie in certane effairis of the towne and passit nocht, yitt as of before to pas to his Maiestie and travell in the said commoun effairis and help and assist the said nichtboures. Villa, Hadingtoun.

23 *October* 1583.

Gevis power and commissioun to Henry Nesbet, baillie, [and five others] to convene and sett downe ane perfyte taibill of the customes of this burgh at thair port of Leyth, conform to thair ancient chartour of the sam and rycht consuetude to be vsit thairinto. Tabill of customes.

25 *October* 1583.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] vnderstanding that Jhonn Jhonestoun hes agreit with the maister of the College, for himselff and his seruand, to haif daylie for thair buirding the sowme of sex schillings aucht penneis, and fynding the said sowm to be resonabill, thairfore ordanis thair thesaureris present and to cum to pay to the said maister Robert Rollok, maister of the said College, for him and his seruand, the said sowm of sex schilling aucht penneis for the caus foresaid, daylie and ilk day quhill forther ordour be tayne thairanent. And als ordanis the thesaurer to by and furneis to the said College ane sufficient skellet bell about the wecht of [*blank*]. Precept, maister of the college.

30 *October* 1583.

The provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and maist pairt of the Rex, burrowes letteres.

Rex, burrowes letteres.

counsall, and of the remanent deykins of craftis, anent the lettre sent be the Kings grace to the town, toward Andro Lambs schip to pas to France with the Lord Seytoun, and anent the effairis of the customes, Henry Nesbet and the provest, ordanis lettres to be sent to ellevin of the maist principall burrowes to convene in this burgh the xij of Nouember nixt for ordour to be tayne thairanent, and siclyk that ane answer to be sent the Kings Grace ansuering to the said lettere.

College.

It is thocht expedient, statute and ordanet that in the College foundit be the guid town in the Kirk of Feyld, that the students thairof beand strayngers and na burges bairnis of this burgh quha sall occupy any chalmers within the sam, that thai be twa in ilk bed, and thai to pay of chalmer maill yeirlie fourty shillings ilk persoun; and gif ane will haif ane bed be him selff that he pay four pund for his chalmer maill; and the said maill to be payet at thair first entrie, ane yeiris maill in hand; and that Androw Sclater maister of wark resaue this yeiris maillis gif ony beis, and to be comptabill thairfore; quhilkis maill sall be imployet vpoun the beitting, vphalding, and reparaling of the place; for the quhilk maills the guid town sall furneis the said strayngers chalmers with the treyne beds, buirds, and skelffis. And anent the students quha ar burges bairnis that thai sall pay na maill; and thairfore thai to sett vp thair beds, buirds, and skelffis vpoun thair awn proper chairges, for the quhilk thai sall haif power to tak the sam away at thair depairting or dispone thairvpoun at thair plesure. Attour, power and commissioun is gevin to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, [and five others,] with the maister of wark, to tak ordour for plaiceing and situatioun of the saidis beds, buirds, and skelffis, and siclyk for feying of the wrichts now in the wynter seasoun to the rest of the wark.

2 *November* 1583.

Court held at shore of Leith.

Curia burgi de Edinburgh, tenta super lie Schore de Leyth, per honorabilem virum, Jacobum Nicoll, vnium balliuarum dicti burgi.

Leith, stingmen, polkmen and metters.

The said bailyie, sittand in jugement for taiking ordour with the stingmen and polkmen vpoun the said schore in admitting the persouns maist worthie and dischairgeing all vthers, gevin of thame thair instructiouns and pryces, and taikand souerteis to keip the sam, conforme to the

commissioun gevin to him and James Ros, maister Michaell Chisholm, and Mungo Russell, be the provest, bailyies, and counsall thairanent, the said baillie, with avyse of the said persouns, admittet and resauet the persouns vnderwrittin to be polkmen and stingmen and metters vpoun the said schoir, for serving the nychtbouris of this burgh and all the Kings Graces lieges, and discharget all thairto quhilk seruet of before; for the quhilk thai sall be oblist to obserue and keip the iniunctiouns following, vnder the payne of fourty schillings swa oft as thai failyie, besyde the payne of deprivatioun at the will of the guid town, to witt, that thai sall be leill, trew, and faythfull in thair seruice, that thai sall be diligent and reddie to serue at all tymes convenient, and first the friemen of this burgh before ony vthers, vpoun the pryces following, and in the tyme of thrang and greit seruice that thai sall fynd and furneis vthers guid faythfull and qualifeit persouns vpoun the said pryces for quhome thai sall ansuer, that thai sall carie nor beir na vnforbiddin guidis bot incontinent reveill the sam to the maiestrats, thesaurer, sercheouris or officeris of the guid town, that thai sall be ansuerabill to refound all damnage and skayth that sall fall in their defalt to the guidis careit or handlit be thame or committit to thair credite. The pryces of thair wark and seruice is:—First, for the stingmen, viz., off ilk twn of wyne, for bering on schore, houssing and sellaring thairof, far or neir, twa schilling; and for cairting and taking owt of the sam, far or neir, twa schillings; off ilk last of salmond, for careing, yairding, or sellaring, far or neir, twa schillings; off ilk last of heiring, pik, tar, or saip, twenty penneis; off ilk last of osmond irne, sellaring twa schillings; off ilk tun wad, twelf penneis; of ilk last drinking beir, twa schillings; of ilk pak of lynt or vther geir of the quantitie of ane cairts laidning, for cairting thairof aucht penneis. Anent the polkmen:—off ilk boll of quheitt, beir, or salt, for setting on the schoir, ane penny; for bering throw Leyth to the sellares, far or neir, ilk boll, thre penneis; of ilk chalder meill, threttie penneis. Anent the metteris, thai to haif for metting off ilk chalder victuall within the cuntrie aucht penneis, and of the scoir of owtlands victuall and of salt twelf penneis. Followes the names of the saidis persouns quha wer admittet and sworn

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to obserue the premissis and fand cawtioun thairvpoun as followes: [twelve stingmen, eight polkmen and two metters.] It is specially inioynit to the said metteris that thai sall be leill and trew, bot falsett, as equall bayth to the byers and to the sellaris vnder the paynes foresaids.

6 *November* 1583.

Rowping of the commoun guid.

In consideratioun that Mairtymes evin nixttocum will fall on ane Sonday, thairfore ordanis the commoun guid to be rowpet on Setterday nixt, and proclamatioun to be maid heirvpoun throw the town.

8 *November* 1583.

Proclamatio, merchants, preicheing.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that na merchants hald thair buithis oppin fra the ceissing of the greitt bell to the preicheing nor be fund in the streitts in tyme of sermoun, or yitt depairt furth of the kirk quhill the end of the last prayer, vnder the payne of xviij s. swa oft as thai failyie.

Precept, decreit arbitral.

Comperit maister Michaell Chisholm and William Fairly, quha produceit twa extracts in parchement, vnder the subscriptioun of Alexander Hay, clerk of register, of the decreitt arbitrall betuix the merchants and craftismen of this burgh, registrat in the buikis of the sessioun, and declairit that thai payet the sowm of twelf punds for the extracting of the samyn, quhilk sowm thai ordanet Mungo Russell, thesaurer, to refound and pay to thame, quhilk sall be allowet in his compts; off the quhilk extracts the ane wes delyuerit, with consent of the said deykins, to Robert Henrysoun, chirurgiane, in name of the haill crafts, the vther ordanet to remane with the towne and to be copeit and insert in this present buik. [Here follows copy of the decreet arbitral. *Vide antea*, pp. 265-75.]

Merchants, pettie customs of Leyth.

The foresaids provest, bailyeis, and counsall and deykins of craftis fyndis that it hes bene hurtfull and preiudiciall to the commoun rent that the particular merchants, burgessis of this burgh, in tymes past hes nocht payet friemenis custome at the port of Leyth, thair being na privelege of exemptioun grantet vnto thame, and seying the sam pertenis to the commoun guids and suld nocht redound to a particular proffeitt, thairfore, with avyse of thair assessouris, after lang resoning heirinto, hes concludet, thocht expedient, and ordanet that, in augmentatioun

of the commoun rent, the merchants, burgessis and friemen of this burgh, sall in all tymes cuming pay to the fermorers of the pittie customes of the said burgh friemenis custom of thair guids at the said port of Leyth, according to the townis infeftment and custom rollis contenit thairintill, and that intimatioun be maid heirof at the setting and rowping of the said customes. Merchants [illegible]

Agreit and consentit that maister Duncane Nairn be resauet for the present secund maister in thair College, and to gif to him for his burding quhill Candilmes the sowm of twenty pund, and to haif for his stipend the sowm of fourty merks yeirlie. Nairn, College.

Ordanis Mungo Russell, thesaurer of the yeir past, to delyuer to maister Jhonn Scherp, assessour, twa crownis of the sone, for his travellis to libell the summondis of reductioun of the infeftments of the Erle of Arrane of the Dyngwallis hous besyde the Kirk of Feild, callit the Duks Lugeing, now the towns College, and for devysing the ordour of perambulatioun of the townis acres at the Seynis. Precept, thesaurer, Scherp.

It is thocht expedient and ordanit that all the students of the townis College sall nichtlie ly and remayne in thair chalmeris within the sam, and that thai all haif and weir gownis daylie, and sic as wantis gownis and will nocht ly thairin to be putt furth thairof, and deputes Jhon Jhonestoun to se and tak cuir that the premissis be keipit, and the brekkares to dilaitt to the baillyes. College.

Ordanis Jhonn Watt and James Merchell, collectoures of the vnlawes, vpsetts, and owklie penneis, with the reddiest of the said vnlawes, to pay to Jokandrow the disioynis of the counsale avanceit be him sen Michaelmes last, and sielyk to pay to him the counsall disunes to be furnist be him heirafter induring thair offices. Counsal disiunes.

9 *November* 1583.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] for augmentatioun of the commoun rent, reformatioun of the abusis at the commoun mylnis quhilk hes rissin throw the negligence of the fermorers thairof in tymes past, and for keping guid rewle within the said mylnis in tymes cuming, hes thocht expedient and als statute and ordanet that na quheitt Mylnis, baxteris.

Mylnis, baxteris.

be cassin on to be grund at the said mylnis except the sam be first mett and mesurit at the said mylnis, and the town to haif for the multure thairof the auchtein coirn, and gif ony persoun refuis to cast on his quheitt in maner foresaid, as his rowme sall fall to him, beand lawfully wairnit thairto as vse is, he sall tyne his rowme for the space of fourtene dayes, and als swa lang as thair is ony to cast on that nane grynd mair at anes bot as efferis to his half boll of multure, and gif he brek mayne meill to grynd na mair bot as cumis to his furlett of multure; and gif ony that ar thirlet to the said mylnis, baxteris or vthers, sall grynd at owt mylnis, without license askit and gevin be thame that hes power thairto, that the stufe grund owt or valour thairof with the hers sall be escheitt, the ane half to the hospitall and the vther half to the fermoreris, besyde the payment of ane vnlaw of fyve pund to the guid town, and to remayne in waird quhill the sam be payet.

Decreitt arbitrall.

In presens of the provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts, the decreitt arbitrall gevin betuix the merchants and craftismen of this burgh, registrat in this present buik on Fryday last, beand red and considerit, they all with ane consent ratefeit and approvit the sam and haill contents thairof in all poynts.

Prenteissis, gildrie.

After lang resoning vpoun the richts and priveleges of the prenteissis to burgessis and friemen of this burgh, vpoun consideratioun of the consuetude of burgh, certane acts and statutes maid heirtofoir, and of the effect and meyning of the decreitt arbitrall, and for gude ressonis moving thame, they haif declairit, statute and ordanet that quhen any maner of persoun sall be lawfullie bund prenteis to ane burges and frieman of this burgh, and sall compleitt his prenteisschip, and fulfill the poynts of his indentour, and beand fund qualefeit and worthie in honesty and substance to be admittet in the societie of the gild brether of this burgh, quhidder his maister wes gild brother or nocht, yitt he sall pay na mair to the dene of gild for his gildrie bot the sowm of ten pund allanerlie, for the quhilk he sall be maid gild brother, and this likewayes to be extendet to thame that wes prenteissis befor the making of this present act.

13 *November* 1583.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay for a drwm or swesche to serue the guid town, quhilk Jhonn Bayne in Leyth hes to sell, the sowme of aucht pund, and to resaue and putt the sam with the townis trumpett in thair munitioun hous. Swesche.

15 *November* 1583.

The provest, bailyeis, and ane part of the counsall, in consideratioun that the merchants of vther burrowes hes past to Flanders with thair skynnis as thai ar crediblie informet, contrar to the ordour tayne thairauent, thairfore licentiats and permits the merchants of this burgh to pas lykwayes with thair skynnis to the saidis pairts. Skynis to Flanderis.

19 *November* 1583.

The provest, bailyeis, and counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that nane harberie, ressett, or ludge ony strayngers, gentilmen or cuntrey pepill, bot incontinent cum and gif vp thair names to the bailyie of the quarter, vnder the payne of v li. and imprysonment of thair persouns during the counsales will. Proclamatio, lugeing straingeris.

Dyoneis Conquerour, commissioner for Perth, and Alexander Scrymgeour and [*blank*] Fynlawsoun, commissioners for Dundie and Abirdene, hes willinglie of thair awin consents, in name of the said burrowes, accordet and agreitt that the said burrowes sall pay thair pairt, according to the taxt roll of the burrowes, of all sowmes to be avanceit be this burgh for the owtredding of Andrew Lambs schip in the taking afeild and bringing hame of the Lord Seytoun to and fra France, togidder with the interest of the said sowmes, provyding alwayes that ane act of Secreitt Counsall be gottin for allowance of the said sowme in the first end of the burrowes pairt of the first taxt to be grantet to the Kings Maiestie. Burrowes, Lamb.

20 *November* 1583.

My Lord Seytoun produceit ane lettere sent fra the Kings Maiestie desyring the guid town to mak ane end with Androw Lamb for his schip to transport to France and hame agane the said lord, and sielyke to depute Lord Seytoun, Lamb.

Lord Seytoun, Lamb.

ane sufficient man to pas with him to inform and travell in the maitter of the customes, quhilk writting wes delyuerit to Henry Nesbet.

Burrowes, custome in France.

The sam day, at afternone, the foresaid provest, bailyeis, and counsall, and the commissioners of burrowes [for Perth, Dundie, and Abirdene,] hes thocht it maist necessar and expedient that ane qualefeit persoun be directit vpoun the burrowes chairges to pas to France with the Lord Seytoun, and thair to procure and attend vpoun the downgetting of the new customes.

21 *November* 1583.

Lamb, Lord Seytoun.

The provest, bailyeis, [council and deacons of crafts,] at the airnist desyre and requeist of the Kings Maiestie, hes thocht expedient, condiscendit and agreit for thame selffis and in name of the rest of the burrowes, for the transporting to France and hame bringing agane of George Lord Seytoun, his Maiesties imbassadour, direct thair in dyuers his Maiesties effairis, and particularlie for the downgetting of the new greitt customes rayset vpoun all Scottis merchants and thair merchandice, als weill brocht in France as had furth thairof, to gif and delyuer in frawcht to Androw Lamb, in Leyth, quhais schip is appoyntet to carie hame and afeild the said Lord Seytoun, the sowm of twa thowsand merk, the ane half at his depairting and the vther half at the hame bringing of the said lord, as wes agreit be the commissioners of the burrowes of Perth, Dundie and Abirdene, be thair act maid yisterday; provyding that ane act of Secreitt Counsall be obtenit of the Kings Maiestie that the said sowm sall be allowet to the burrowes in thair nixt generall extent; and appoyntis Henry Nesbet and William Fairlie and Alexander Owsteane to cause devyse and mak the said act of Secreitt Counsall in maist sikker and suir form. Als thai haif condiscendit to avance for thame selffs and in name of the said burrowes the sowm of ane thowsand merk, by the sowm foresaid, to mak the chairges of the persoun quha sall be appoyntit to pas with the said lord, and attend and awaitt vpoun the downgetting of the said customes, he alwayes makand compt of the samyn. Quhilk sowmes, makand in the haill the sowm of thre thowsand merk, becaus the commoun guid is far behind the hand, thay ar content and consentis to be tane fra sic as may be movet to avance the sam vpoun thair commone myhis for annuell for ane yeir allanerly.

22 November 1583.

Anent the dewteis and customes of the Alhallow and Trinitie fairs callit the schereffis gluiffis, perteining to the provests of this burgh as schereffis principall within the sam, quhilk awcht to pay the pryce of the provests oxe at the Alhallow fair, and hes bene swa negligentlie gadderit and owersene in tymes past that of laitt the town hes bene putt to extraordiner chairges in making furth of the pryce of the said oxe, swa far as inlaiket of the said customes; for remeid thairof it is statute and ordanet that in all tyme cuming thair be tayne for the said schereff gluiffes of custome, for the ky, oxin, horsis, or siclyk, cumand to the said fair to be sawld, at thair West Port, of ilk heid foure penneis, and for the scheip of ilk sowm, quhilk extendis to ten scheip, foure penneis; and my lord provest for the tyme, for the payment of his oxe, to caus collect and inbring the sam to him selff be sic as he plesis, and to tak the guid and evill thairof in his awin hand, swa the commoun guid be na forther burthenit with the payment of any pairt of the pryce of the said oxe in tyme to cum; and that the commoun clerk mak intimatioun of this act at the nixt fair to the town that thai may se the sam be keipit. Statute, schereff gluiffis.

Ordanis to be allowet to James Ros, thesaurer, in his nixt compts, the sowm of sextein pund deburset be him for completing of the pryce of the provest oxe at Alhallow fair last wes, by and attour the sowm of sex pund resauet be Jhonn Mwre, porter, of the customes of the said fair callit the schereff gluiffes. Precept, proveste oxe.

Fyndes, with avyse of thair assessouris, that of richt and law the haill burgessis of this burgh and possessouris of thair commoun landis in the commoun mwre ar thirlet to thair commoun mylnis, and thairfore ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to call the burgessis of this burgh, makers of malt, and the saidis possessouris, quha hes nocht repairet to thair common mylnis, for thair dry multure in tymes past, and to heir thame decernit thirle to the said mylnis in tyme cuming; and speciallie to call the possessouris of the xix pairts of the mwre and maister Archibald Grahame and Jhonn Wilsoun in Plesance. Thirlage.

It is thocht expedient that ane bailyie or twa sall pas twyse in the owlk to the West Lynkis and vesy the sam, and caus poynd sic guidis West Links of Leyth.

West Links of Leyth.

as thai may find pasturing thairvpoun, and that thai avyse with the assessouris quhat ordour sall be vset in the sam.

Tabill of the customes.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, vpoun the townis chairges, to caus mak ane perfyte tabill in parchement of the townis customes in Leyth, and to brode the sam, and affixe it in the clerkis chalmer of this burgh, and ane vther to be affixit in the clerkis chalmer in Leyth.

Kirkyaird.

Ordanis the dene of gild to repair the kirk yaird dykes, inclose the said kirk yaird, swa that na persouns haif entres in or owtt at the sam bot at the greitt yett thairof.

Price of breid.

In respect the pryce of the quheitt is cum down, thay ordane the vj d. laif to wey xviij vnce.

26 *November* 1583.

Watche in the abbay

The provest, bailyeis, [council and deacons of crafts,] in consideratioun of the Kings Maiesteis lettere produceit before thame, desyring and commanding that ane gaird, daylie and nichtlie, for ane certane space, of ane hundreth men of the burgh, weill airmet, micht be send to the Abbay to attend vpoun his Maiesteis persoun, quhilk number is gritter nor the town may spair in respect of the greitt chairges thai ar put to and of the watche keipit in the town, thairfore agreit that thai sall pas down to his Maiestie and desyre ather the said lettere discharget, or els the said number diminishet.

4 *December* 1583.

Precept, belmen.

Ordanis James Adamsoun, dene of gild, to pay fourty schillings to the twa belmen, quha lyes, at the townis command, nichtlie, in the assyse hous to attend vpoun the steipill gif the town haif ado, and this for thair coill and candill in the said hous.

Statute, visitatioun of the lawrie, Trinitie fair.

For the better ordour to be tayne in visitatioun of the mairches of thair commoun lands, and reformatioun of the wrangs done vpoun the sam, it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanet that in all tyme cuming, vpoun the Trinitie fair evin, yeirly, the provest, bailyeis and counsall, takand with thame the commounitie of the town, sall pas, visy and reform the said mairches vpoun fute, and to that effect intimatioun to be maid the day before to all the nichtbouris to convene with thame, vnder the payne of xviij s.

William Fairlie producet twa charters maid to the guid town vnder the greitt seill, the ane of the fundatioun of the College, the vther of the gift of the kirk annuellis; quhilk letteres wes at thair commend delyuerit to Jhonn Jhonestoun, collectour, and he ordanet to be chairget thairwith. College, kirk annuells.

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Ordainet that Jhonn Jhonestoun, collectour, inform James Guthre to travell with the archdene of Lowthiane anent his benefice to be dimittet in favouris of the College, and agreis to ratifie and appreive all things to be done be the said James in the said caus according to the said Jhones informatioun. Archdeane of Lowthiane.

Ordanis Androw Sclater, maister of wark in the Townis College, to caus sett vp the students beds in the chalmers quhilk payis maill, and siclyke to by the skellett bell to the said College, and to hing vp the sam be the avyse of the bailyeis, Jhonn Jhonestoun, and the theasurer. Als ordanis maister Jhonn Prestoun, last dene of gild, to delyuer to the said Androw, for the vse of the said College, the tymmer quhilk the said maister Jhonn bocht for skaffalding to the beitting and repairing of the stepill. Precept, college.

[After receiving the depositions of certain persons "quha hes wynes luitlie arryvet fra Burdealx," the provost, bailies, and council "declaris that thai may sell the said wynes ourheid for lxviij li. the twn;" and "na new wynes be toppet and sawld of hiear pryces nor xxxij d. the pynt."] Pryce of wynis.

The provest, bailyeis, and counsall and . . deykyns of crafts, in respect that the howse on the town wall at the fute of Halkerstouns Wynd is becum ruinous and gevis na proffeitt, thairfore thinks it meitt and expedient that the sam be sett in few to sic as will bid maist thairfor, with the lyme hoills thairof, with provisioun that in tyme of necessitie and trublis the vpmest hous be patent to the town to serue for ane watchehous, and that the sam haif na ma lichts into the north bot that quhilk is presently thairin, and it to be staynchonit; and that thai be bund to vphald the said hous or ellis to forefalt thair few, by and attour the commoun claussis of payment of thair few maillis. Fewing howse on the town wall.

Grants, gevis, and disponis, induring thair willis allanerlie, the beidmanschip in Sanct Pawles Wark, vacand be deceis of Jhonn Hopper, last Donatio, beidmanschip.

Donatio, beidmanschip.

possessour thairof, to Thomas Symsoun, wricht, with all dewtcis and casualiteis belanging thairto. And in consideratioun that James Myller, cordiner, and Thomas Philp, bonetmaker, ar awld burgessis, faillet and decayet in body and substance, thairfore be thir presents promissis vnto thame the nixt beidmanschips that sall vaik in thair hands before ony vthers.

Villa, Lamb.

The foresaidis provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of craftis, in consideratioun that the guid town, in name of the burrowes, hes condiscendit at the desyre of the Kings Maiestie to avance the sowm of twa thowsand merk for transporting to France and hame agane of George Lord Seytoun, his graces imbassadour, as at lenth is contenit in ane act of secreitt counsall maid thairanent, off the quhilk sowm thair is payet in hand to Androw Lamb, quhais schip is conduceit to the effect foresaid, the sowm of ane thowsand merk, and swa thair restis awand to him the sowm of ane vther thowsand merks, thairfore the saidis provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of craftis, be thir presents promissis, binds and obleissis thame and thair successoures, in name of the saidis burrowes, to content and pay to the said Androw Lamb the said sowm of ane thowsand merkis, within ane moneth after the hamebringing of the said Lord Seytoun fra France in his said schip; and failyeing of his hamebringing within ane moneth next after, that the said Andro be him selff or vthers in his name sall produce and delyuer vnto thame ane sufficient and autentik acquittance, subscryuet be the said lord bak agane owt of France, conteining ane dischairge of his hamebringing and remayning vpoun him, with ane command to thame to ansuer the said Androw of the said sowm, and als the said Andro delyuerand ane command of the Kings Maiestie in writt to ansuer him of the said sowm, with his Graces dischairge of the said haill twa thowsand merk, conform to the said act of Secreitt Counsall.

11 *December* 1583.

Candilmakeris.

Ordanis the bailyeis to caus the candilmakeris dwelland in St. Mary Wynd to withdraw thame selffis, houshald and famileis, and dwell within the wallis of the town, becaus the place quhair thai dwell is ane suspect

pairt for randing of talloun and sending the sam away furth of the realm, to the greitt hurt of the Kings Graces lieges; and sicklyke ordanis Jhonn Dugeoun for the sam caus to be removet furth of the place quhair he dwellis vpoun the town wall in Leyth Wynd, and that all the kandilmakers be putt to the knawlege of ane assyse for breking the towns statuts. Candilmakeris.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus stop and close vp the stop in the dykes at James Pyots land besyde the Hie Schole, and sicklyke ordanis the scholehous bell to be hung in ane mair commodious place, be avyse of Robert Henrysoun, chirurgeane, and the thesaurer to furneis skaffalds and twa corbellis thairto. Precept, Hie Schole.

12 *December* 1583.

The provest, bailyeis, and maist pairt of the counsall, maid and constitute my lord provest, Henry Nesbet, bailyie, and Robert Henrysoun, chirurgeane, thair commissioners, to compeir before the Kings Majestie and Secreitt Counsall, or sic as ar depute to ressoun concerning the incalling of the balbeis, nonsunts, and awld plakis, and down breking of thame, and thairvpoun to intreatt, ressoun and conclude, as wes desyret in the missiue direct be the Kings Maiestie to the guid town. Commissioneris, cvngyie.

13 *December* 1583.

At the desyre of the kirk, appointis and designis the loft in the eist end of the Hie Kirk for the place to the students of the College and thair maisters to heir the preicheins into, and ordanis the key thairof to be delyuerit to thame, and this induring the townis will quhill forther ordour be tayne allanerlie. Students in the College.

18 *December* 1583.

Vnderstanding be thair commissioneris that thair is ane new layet cvngyie in devysing to be sett furth, and after resoning thairvpoun fyndis that it will be to the vtter hurt of the realme, and thairfore ordanis thair commissioneris to dissent thairto and protest for remeid gif it be lyk to gang fordwart. Cvngyie.

25 *December* 1583.

Anent Dury, minister.

The provest, bailyeis, [and council,] vnderstanding that Jhonn Dury, minister, hes removet fra the town, at command of the Kings Grace, quhairby the Eist Kirk is left destitute of ane minister to preiche thairin on the Sonday, quhairvpoun the kirk hes desyret that ordour micht be tane for ane to preiche thairin, and for visiting his quarter and taking vp the falts thairof in his absence, thairfore hes thocht expedient that thai sall all pas to the Kings Grace to knaw his graces mynd gif it be his will that the said Jhonn sall returne or nocht, to the effect that thai may provyde for ane vther, and gif it be nocht his graces will that the said Jhonn returne, in that case to requeist his grace to provyde the said Jhonn ane leving, and as it beis ansuerit be his Maiestie appoynts Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, Andro Sclater, Robert Henrysoun to report the sam to the kirk, and to ressoun and confer with the said kirk for provyding ane vther in the said Jhones rowme.

27 *December* 1583.

Hospital in St. Mary Wynd.

Ordanit tryell to be tayne for fynding and sercheing of the fundatioun of the Hospitall in St. Mary Wynd that ordour may be tayne thairwith, and ordanet maister Michaell Chisholm to trye and inquyre James Hendysoun, maister of the Sang Schole, gif he hes the sam.

Donatio Hospital.

Gevis and disponis to Katherein Blyth, dochter to vmquhill Jhonn Blyce, the place in the Hospitale in Sanct Mary Wynd vacand be deceis of Jonet Harvy hir mother.

27 *December* 1583.

Dayis throw the toun.

For guid considerationns moving thame, specially for avoyding the confusioun of the number of the dayes grantet throw the town vpoun the Monondayes to dyuers importune persouns, thairfore hes thocht expedient and concludet that na ma dayes be grantet quhill Candilmes nixt, and betuix and than ordour to be tayne for reformatioun of the abusis thairof.

1 *January* 1583-4.

Statute, milleris, bakeris.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] willing to help and support thair commoun seruands, the mylleris, at thair commoun

mylnis, that thai may be the mair habill to awaitt vpoun the mylnis and haif occasioun to mak the town guid seruice, and in consideratioun that the baxteris of this burgh, sen the mylnis hes bene in the townis hands, hes nocht bene swa beneficiall vnto the said milleris as thai wer wont to be, refusing to pay thame thair ordiner knaifschip and vther dewteis and casualiteis, thairfore to avoyde all debaitts that hes bene betuix the said baxters and millers anent thair said dewteis, and to estableis ane guid ordour in tyme cuming, hes thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit that by and attowre the dewtie of fyve penneis quhilk the said millers had of ilk laid quheit grund at the said mylnis, the said baxters and thair successouris sall pay and delyuer to James Ros, thesaurer, in name of the guid town, swa lang as the said mylnis are in the towns hand, and fra thine furth to the fermorers of the said mylnis for euir, ane leippie, quhilk is the fourt pairt of ane pek, and that of ilk foure laid of quheitt, extending to aucht bollis, quhilk sall be grund at the said mylnis; quhilk thesaurer and fermoreris respectiue sall resaue the said leippie, and delyuer and distribute the sam owlklie to the said mylleris for all dewteis that thai may crave of the said baxteris by the fyve penneis foresaidis; and ordanis acts of wairding to pas vpoun the saidis baxters and thair successouris refuisand to pay the said dewtie, the first payment thairof begynnand at Mairtymes last, and to be tayne vp be the said thesaurer, be ressoun the said millers haif gottin na payment of thair gowpings and sic dewteis sensyne, quhairby the guid toun hes bene compellit to gif the said mylleris the sowm of twelf pund for thair sustentatioun, conform to ane precept direct thairvpoun of before.

Statute, milleris, baxteris.

The foresaid provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of craftis, forswamekill as be experience in tymes past thai haif fund that the waist lands of thair commoun mwre hes nocht only bene vnprofitabill vnto the commoun weill bot als is spilt, flayet, revin owt, brokin and narrowit be the nichtbouris merchant thairwith, and be progres of tyme apperand to be vtterlie wraikit, eittin vp, and distroyet, gif haistie remeid be nocht provydet; and considering alswa that thair commoun rent is at this present far behind the hand throw the commoun effairis in the Kings Maiesteis seruice, bigging of commoun warks, and vther extraordinar

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chairges, quhairas the said commoun mwre beand putt to proffeitt sall be preseruit frome the damnage and inconvenient foresaid, and be ane greitt releif and augmentatioun of the commoun rent; for the quhilks caussis and other guid considerationns moving thame, after rype avisement and deliberatioun, the saids provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of craftis, all in ane voice, hes thocht expedient, consentit, agreit and concludet be thir presents, that the said commoun mwre and waist grund thairof, to the quantitie of sex scoir acres, les or mair, as sall be fund maist meitt to be teillit, and as may be spairit fra the necessar vses in tyme of pest and for querrell, sall be set furth in few be acre, daill, and pairts, to euerie pairt thre acres, to sic as will bid maist thairfore, preferring the burgessis and friemen of the burgh to ony vtheris, thai biddand als mekill for the sam; and for the better performing heirof, hes given power and commissioun to my lord provest [and others to devise the manner of dividing the ground, with the conditions of let, and to report to the council.]

Customes in France.

The saidis provest, bailyeis, and counsall, hes thocht expedient and agreit to pas down to the Kings Maiestie to move his grace to caus the Lord Seytoun to accept the persoun nominat be the burrowes to pas to France with him to attend vpoun the caus of the burrowes anent the customes.

Buriall.

The saids provest, bailyeis and counsall, ordanis William Littill, bailyie, [and four others,] to serche out and confer with ane man to mak and cast the graivis, gadder and burie the baynis, and keip the kirk yaird, and to report to thame the nixt counsall day.

Flescheouris

For ansuer to the supplicatioun gevin in before thame for the pairt of the flescheouris of this burgh quha ar wairdet for nonobeying the statutes, fyndis that the guid town hes power to mak statuts within thame selffis for the weill of the Kings grace lieges and repressing of derth, and hes bene in vse in speciall to sett pryce yeirlie vpoun the tallown perteining to the said flescheouris, and according thairto, being weill avyset, and vpoun guid considerationns, maid statutes thairvpoun at Michaelmes last, and thairfor ordanis the said flescheouris to keip and obey the said statuts maid thairanent.

[The town council, conform to the act of 6th December, feued to Jhonn Bannatyne, skinner, the house on the town wall at Halkerston Wynd foot, "and bark heillis," for payment of twelve merks yearly.] Bannatyne, house on the town wall.

3 *January* 1583-4.

For putting ane decent and guid ordour in thair buriale place, and reforming of the sindrie abysis and owersichts quhilk hes bene thairinto, thay haif thocht guid to appoynt ane sufficient and qualefeit man to attend thairvpoun, and thairfore, vpoun the report of the worthynes and guid behaviour of Jhonn Bowman, be William Littill and the rest quha wes deputt to serche and trye ane persoun maist meit for the said office, admittis and ressaues the said Jhonn Bowman, induring thair willis allanerlie, to haif the keiping, owersicht, and governament of the said buriale, be the avyse of the said William Littill, baillie, and James Adamsoun, dene of gild, and gevis and limitates vnto him the rewlis and iniunctiouns following, to be obseruet and keipit be him in tyme cuming. First, to mak the graives of sufficient deipnes, to the number of [*blank*] futes or thairby, at the sicht and discretioun of the saidis persouns. Nixt, to evin and fill vp the graives as thai sall happin to sattill and fall down. Item, to collect and hald bureit all deid menis baynes. Item, to gather the staynis gottin in the graives to ane place. Item, in brekking of the grund and making of the new graives, to follow the devyse and rewle of the said persouns. And, last, to hald the durris and passages about the buriale cleyne frome all filth, red, and fuilyie. For the quhilkis caussis, thay ordane him to haif of ilk graif or cors that payis aucht schillings the sowm of twa schillings, and of all that is within that pryce to haif the fourt penny; and the bellman present and to cum to collect, ansuer, and obey him of the samyn. Buriale place, Bellman.

Quhairas it is lattin thame to vnderstand that the possessouris and occupearis of the goldsmythis chops about the Kirk hes howkit and brokin the wallis of the kirk within thair said chops, to the greitt hurt of the town and apperant rwine of the Kirk gif the sam be nocht sene to in tyme, thairfore ordanis the saidis persouns to be warneit to compeir Goldsmith chops about the Kirk.

Goldsmit chops about the Kirk. Extent of ij^{m} li.

before thame on Mononday nixt, at twa houris, to schaw thair rychtis and their ordourt tane anent the premissis.

The foresaid provest, baillies, and counsell [and deacons of crafts,] haiffand consideratioun that the burrowis, in thair conventioun haldin within this burgh in December last, hes grantit to ane extent of thre thowsand pund to be tayne of the haill burrowes for releif of the inlaik of the Kings Majesteis customes sett to thame, and of the threttie twn wyne promist to his grace yeirlie, as at lenth is contenit in the act of burrowes maid thairanent and taxt rollis maid thairanent, in the quhilk this burgh, with Kingorne and Innerkething, is sett to the sowm of nyne hundredth punds; and vnderstanding that Androw Sclaitter, maister of the College wark, at the fuitting of his compts, is superexpendet in the sowme of [*blank*], by and attour the sclaitting of the studeis nocht comptet; and forther that it is necessar schortlie to begyn and enter to the inclosing of the said College and vther wark thairof; thairfore thay all with ane consent hes grantit and ordanit that ane extent of twa thowsand pund be sett, rasit, and vpliftet of the haill nichtbouris, burgessis and friemen of this burgh, and vtheris that may be addettit in payment thairof, for the caussis abune rehersit.

6 *January* 1583-4.

Commissioner to France.

The provest, baillies, [council and deacons of crafts,] after resoning for getting ane sufficient man to pas with the Lord Seytoun to France, and attend on the caus of the burrowes, fyndis that Henry Nesbet, bailyie, is the persoun maist qualefeit and meitt to pas and awaitt on the said maitter, gif the King's Majesteis guid will and licence may be had and obtenit thairto, and gif nocht thay fynd Walter Adamsoun to be directit in his place vpoun the conditiouns quhilk wes agreitt vpoun betuix the burrowes and Rychert Abircrummie, quhome thai intendit to send; and heirfore directis William Fairlie, William Harvie, and David Williamsoun to pas and travell with the Kings grace for licence to the said Henry, quha haiffing past to his grace in the abbay and returnand, reportet the king desyret to speik with the said Henry.

8 *January* 1583-4.

[Ordained the auditors to allow in the last year's treasurer's accounts £162, 6s. 9d., being expenses of "the banquett to Monseure la Mott, imbassadour to the King of France."] La Mote, banquett.

Vpoun the declaratioun of Mr. Jhonn Maitland, persoun of Thirlstaynis, ane of the senatouris of the College of Justice, and of the Kings grace Privie Counsell, quha comperit and declarit that it wes the Kings Majesteis will that Henry Nesbet suld nocht pas to France in the caus of the customes with the Lord Setoun, becaus his Maiestie hes vtherwayes ado with the said Henrie, quhairin his grace intends to imploy him. In respect thai all agreit incais liecnce be nocht gottin to the said Henry that Walter Adamsoun sall pas to, attend, and lawbour in the said caus [they ordained the treasurer to advance 500 merks to him on account of his charges]. Adamsoun, commissioner.

Ordanis the sowmes vnderwrittin to be allowet to James Ros, thesaurer, gevin furth be him in the commoun effairis, and at command of the bailyeis, to witt, vpoun new yeir day to Jhonn Bog, porter of the abbay, twa crownis of the sone, pryce iiij li. xvj s.; to his seruand, xxx s.; to him that keipis the irne yett, xxx s.; item, to the twa Nesbets that keips the Kings grace hall dur, xxx s.; item, to Thomas Morame, porter of the Nether Bow, xxx s.; item, to Jhonn Mure, porter of the West Port, xx s.; item, to the xvj officeris at the executioun of the twa brether of the Scotts, xlvj s. viiij d. Summa xiij li. xiiij s. viij d. Precept, thesaurer, porters, officers.

14 *January* 1583-4.

[The provost, bailies and council,] vnderstanding that the Lord Seytoun, imbassadour to the Kings grace toward France, will on na wayes consent to accept Walter Adamsoun with his lordship and acknawlege him as ane agent for the burrowes in the caus of the customes, and gif the said Walter sall pas without his lordships guid will it sall be coistly and sumpteous to the toun and burrowes and alluterlie inproffitabill to the caus, and thairfore fynds it guid that the said Walter sall remayne at hame, dischairgeing him to haif any mair ado in that mater. And gevis Burrowis, customes in France, Lord Setoun.

Burrowes, customes in France, Lord Setoun.

power and commissioun to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, Andro Sclater, Hew Lawder, William Harvie, Alexander Owsteane to pas to the said Lord Seytoun, imbassadour, and to commend the said caus to his lordschip, and to gif and delyuer to him the articles of informatioun writtin be Henry Nesbet and presentlie red in thair awdience, quhilkis thai allow and approves and ordanis thair commoun clerk to subscryve in thair names; and ordanis thame to resaue bak agane his lordschips tikkett of ressaitt of the said informatioun with the writts necessar to the said caus; and that the said tikket beir this provisioun and conditioun, — that his lordship obtenand the turne done and thair desyres exped according to the said imformatioun, in that caise his lordship referris the consideratioun of the recompance of his paynes, travells, and expenssis to the discretioun of the foure burrowes, Edinburgh. Dundie, Perth and Abirdene; and gif his lordship refuissis the said conditioun that the saidis persoun report his ansuer on Wednisday nixt.

15 *January* 1583-4.

Statute, milleris, baxteris.

In consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in before thame for the pairt of the deykin and brether of the baxteris of this burgh, desyring in effect that as thair is ane law prescryvet to the said baxteris of the knaifschip and dewteis quhilk thai suld pay for sustentatioun of the milleris and commoun seruands at the commoun mylnis of this burgh, swa in lyke maner ane ordour micht be sett down of the seruice quhilk the said milleris suld do to the said baxteris, and the heids and articles contenit in the said supplicatioun anent the said seruice beand hard and resonet be sic as wes depute thairto and reportit to the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall, and the sam weyet and ryplie considerit be thame, they all in ane voice concludet, statute, and ordanit that the saids milleris, present and to cum, sall do and exhibit to the said baxteris the seruice vnderwrittin at the said commoun mylnis, that is to say, that the said milleris sall pik the said mylnis als oft as neid beis, at the sicht of the thesaurer of the town or fermorer of the said mylnis and thair seruands, provyding it be nocht ofter nor anes or twyse in the tuenty four houris as neid requyris; that thai diligentlie awaitt vpoun the scheilling of the quheitt pertening to the said nichtbouris of the baxteris quhidder it be on day or nicht;

that thai help the said nichtbouris childer and seruands to cast the quheitt owt of the troch, quhilk will be ane greitt fortherance to the mylnis and multure and to the milleris selffis; that thai carie about the said nichtboures quheitt fra mylne to mylne vpoun the said nichtboures and baxteris expenssis, by and attour the former dewteis as thai can agrie; that thai putt vp the said nychtboures rowmes vpoun the wallis of the said mylnis as vse is; that thai lay on the laids vpoun any manis hors that cumis to the mylnis; that thai keip the said nichtbouris quheitt, quhidder it cum of landwart or burrows toun, thankfullie, vnfylet, the Sondayes before none beand alwayes exceptit, during the quhilk space the said mylnis standis and na laids suld be brocht to the samyn. The quhilk seruice contenit in the said articles the said millers sall do and keip thankfullie to the said nichtbouris in all tymes cuming; and swa oft as thai failyie ordanis thair persouns to be wairdet and vtherwayes pvnist at the discretioun of the maiestrats, according to the qualitie of thair trespas. Statute, millers, baxteris.

17 *January* 1583-4.

Makis, creats, constituts and ordanis William Fairlie and Alexander Osteane, tailycour, thair procuratouris, factouris, and commissioneris, in name of the guid toun, to pas to the archidene of Lowthiane, and with him to intreatt and agrie for dimissioun of his said benefice, with the personage and vicarage of Currie, in favouris of the guid toun, to the help of the rent of the College laitly foundet, and all vther things to do thairanent as thai sall fiynd maist expedient for the weill of the guid toun. Archdene of Lowthiane, college.

22 *January* 1583-4.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to gif to the foure officeris that past with Williame Littill to stay the bikkering vpone Sonday last, the sowme of tuenty schillingis, and to ane boy that hed his heid brokin vj s. viij d. Precept, thesaurer, officeris.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid dischargeing the inhabitantis of this burgh to suffer thair childer, bairnis, prenteissis, or seruandis, at ony tyme to pas to the bikkering, vnder the pane of ten pund and imprisonment of thair personis for viij dayis. Proclamatio, bikkereris.

24 *January* 1583-4.

Anent the redeming of Nicoll Vdderts annuell.

Vnderstanding that the annuelrent of iiij^{xx} li., sawld furth of the commoun mylnis to vmquhill Thomas Vddert, can nocht be redemet, be vertew of the reuersioun grantet thairvpoun, without the payment of ane thowsand pund in Scottis fyve schilling testanes, as is mentionat in the said reuersioun, and that the said testanes ar habill to decay and be brokkin down, quhairby the said annuelrent will remayne irredemebill; and resonabill offerris beand maid to Nicoll Vddert, sone and air of the said Thomas, for redemptioun of the said annuell, quha hes refuset the samyn, thairfore thai [agreed to appoint a person to collect and deliver to the town, eight days before Whitsunday next, £1000 in "Scots fyve schilling testanes," to be employed for redemption of the annual].

29 *January* 1583-4.

Precept, murthure.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus hing vp at the Nether Bow and vther patent pairts, the heid and certane of the legs and airmes of vmquhill James Mote and Jhonn Walker, execut for the murthure of vmquhill Thomas Henrysoun.

5 *February* 1583-4.

Precept, Dumberny, Assessoures, Nicoll.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to mak the expenssis of the lettre of the Kings grace submissioun anent the mater of Dumberny, in passing the sam throw the seillis; als to delyuer to the thre assessoures and maister Jhonn M'Calyeoun, seruand to maister Jhonn Scherp, the sowm of fyve crownis of the sone, for devysing and making the contract, signatour, procuratioun, and vther writts for the townis securitie of the archidenrie of Lowthiane; and siclyk to pay to James Nicoll, bailyie, the sowm of fyve pund twelf schillings sex d. for the lords disiones quha convenit to the examinatioun of [*blank*] Broun, Inglis minister, vpoun Mononday last.

7 *February* 1583-4.

Archidenerie of Lowthiane.

After the productioun of the forme of the contract to be maid betuix the guid toun and maister Alexander Betoun, archidene of Lowthiane,

tuicheing the dimissioun of his said benefice with the personage and vicarage of Curry annexit thairto, as wes appoyntet and agreit with him be William Fairly and Alexander Owsteoun, quha had commissioun to that effect, and the said contract being red in thair awdience and considerit be thame, they all in ane voce agreit and consentit thairto, and willit that the sam suld tak effect and be subscrynet and endet; and ordanit James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to the said maister Alexander, archidene of Lowthiane, the sowme of sex hundreth punds for the first termes payment of the twelf hundreth pund quhilk suld be gevin to the said archidene for the dimissioun of his said benefice in favouris of the guid toun, conform to the said contract, and sielyk to pay to maister Hercules Rollok the sowm of ane hundreth merk for his paynis and travell tayne in favouris of the guid toun with the said archidene. Archidenerie of Lowthiane.

The lytes of the maisteris of the hospitall, send to thame be the sessioun of the kirk, being sene and considerit, thay electit, creatt, and constitute Patrick Cochraine, merchant, and Jhonn Bannatyne, skynner, maisters of the said hospitale for the yeir to cum. Maisters of the hospitale.

10 *February* 1583-4.

[The provost, bailies, and council,] anent the article proponit to thame for thame selffis and in name of the remanent burrowes of this realme, takkismen of the customes thairof, gif the merchants and burgessis of Edinburgh and schips of the port of Leyth, frauchtit to tak victuall and forbiddin guidis be vertew of licences, suld mak thair entrie at Edinburgh, produce thair chairter pairtie and licence to the customers of Edinburgh, pay thair customes and raise thair coquett thair or nocht, fynds, decernis, and ordanes, for thameselffis and in name of the said burrowes, that the burgessis of this burgh and ships frauchtit at Leyth sall mak thair entressis, produce thair chairter pairteis and licence of the said forbiddin guidis, to the customers of Edinburgh, pay thair customes thairof, and to resaue thair coquett of Edinburgh thairvpoun in tyme cuming; and dischairges the customeris of Dunbar, Richesouns heavin, Innerkething, Bruntiland, Kingorne, and all vther customeris, of all arreisting and trubling of ony burgessis of Edinburgh and schips frauchtit at Leyth, for payment of thair Anent the custome of forbiddin guidis.

Anent the custome of forbiddin guidis.

customes of the said forbiddin guidis, and of thair offices in that pairt, ordaning thame within thair bounds to mak inuentour of the saidis guidis, and tak cawtioun of the transports thairof, that thai sall pay thair customes at Edinburgh and report thair coquett thairvpoun to thame before thair depairting furth of the realme, vnder payne of confiscatioun of the sam, and incais ony vthers of vther burrowes schip victuall or forbiddin guidis in the said schips frauchtit at Leyth, that thai pay thair customes or present ane sufficient coquett of the burgh and customer quhair thai pay thair customes with thair licence thairof.

12 *February* 1583-4.

Archidene of Lowthiane.

[The provost, bailies, and council,] for perfyting and ending of the blok betuix the guid town and archidene of Lowthiane, condiscendet and agreit to gif to the said archidene ane silk gown, and thairafter the said archidene, comperand, promist to delyuer the rest of the writs of his said benefice quhilk he had nocht instantly delyuerit.

14 *February* 1583-4.

Baxteris.

For avoyding the frawde allegeit to be vset be the baxters in bringing in of thair quheitt grund at owt mylnes privatlie in burdings and husseis aiprouns, at the Kirk of Feild port and Kowgaitt port, ordanis the said ports to be steiket quhill ordour be tayne betuix the town and the said baxters.

21 *February* 1583-4.

Teacheing in the Kirk.

The provest, bailyeis [and council,] fynd best to pas with the commissioners of the kirk, and travell with the Kings ministers that ane of thame may teach on the Sondayes in the Eist Kirk the tyme that the town is destitute of thair thrid minister.

Precept, Durie, minister.

Comperit Jhonn Johnestoun of Elphinstoun and maister Jhonn Nicolsoun, eldares and commissioners frome the kirk, and desyret that the present necessitie of Jhonn Durie, minister, micht be considerit, and that he mya haif sum present support of the guid town, and after avysement taikin in this mater, the said provest, bailyeis, counsall and deikins fynds that the guid town wes nocht addettit to the said Jhonn

Durie, in respect thai fynd him compleitlie payet of all things to Candilmes day last bypast, albeit he had nocht seruet swa lang the guid [toun]; and becaus the Kings Maiestie hes declairet at syndrie tymes to the maiestrats and counsell of this toun that he will nocht that the said Jhonn Durie returne agane to serve or mak ony residence heir, for caussis moving his Maiestie, thairfore they discharge the said Jhonn Durie of ony stipend to be payet to him at ony tyme heirafter. And in respect of the kirks requeist thay grant vnto him the sowm of fyftie punds for the transporting of his wyfe, familie, and household geir frome this towne, provyding he burding the guid town na forther in tyme cuming; quhilk sowme thay ordane Johne Broun, collectour of the kirk annuellis, to delyuer to the said Jhonn Dureis wife. Precept, Durie, minister.

Forswamekill as thair is ane greitt number of burges sones within this burgh quha exerceis all kynd of traffieque and merchandice with thair awin proper guidis, quhairby thai ar become mair welthy and habill nor sindry vther nichtbouris and craftismen to extent, watche, wairde and beir all portabill chairges, and neuirtheless refuissis to do the sam, importunes daylie the counsall with thair supplicatiouns, pretending for thair excuis ane act of counsall sett furth the xxvj of November 1557,* quhilk tuik na effect at the making thairof, bot wes maid at the instance of certane particulare persones, without rype avisement and sufficient cognitioun of the caus, bot now in respect of the alteratioun of the tyme, and greitt chairges daylie falling vpoun the town, intollerabill to ane few number, quhilk of all guid equitie awcht to be equallie born of all that hes thair lyfe and tred within the burgh, according to thair habilitie, and conform to the laitt decreitt gevin betuix the merchants and craftismen, thairfore the said provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of craftis, after consideratioun of the premissis, with dyuers vthers greitt and wechtie ressonis moving thame, rescindis, cassis, annullis, and dischairges the said act, haill strenth, force, and effect thairof in all tyme cuming; and for thame and thair successouris fyndis, declairis, and als statuts and ordanis all the lawfull sones of the burgessis of this burgh quha hes ony tred or traffieque of merchandice be thameselffis, with thair awin proper guidis, and winnis thair leving be thair awin industrie, Statute, burges sonis extenting.

* Vol. iii., pp. 13, 14.

Statute, burges sonis extenting.

quhidder thai be at thair fathers or mothers tabill or nocht, and mareit or vnmareit, and quhidder thair said fathers or mothers be deid or on lyfe, to extent, watche, waird, and beir all portabill chairges with the rest of the nichtbouris, according to thair habilitie and substance, nochtwithstanding ony acts, privelegeis, or exemptiouns quhilk thai can pretend in the contrair; for the quhilk it is grantet to thame to pay na vnfremenis customes and to haif thair burgesschip and gildschip of the awld pryce, quhairas the sam is greitlie rayset vpoun vthers; quhilk being considerit thai haif na just caus to compleyne.

Precept, collectouris, Flemyngs.

In consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be Patrik van Flanders and Anthone Waulters, Flemyngs, meaning thair povertie during thair remaning in this cuntrie, and that now thai ar to return to thair cuntrie, and desyring support, ordanis Jhonn Watt and James Merchell, collectouris of the vnlawes, vpsets, and owlklie penneis, to pay to thame the sowm of ten pund.

Fairlie, archdeinrie of Lowthiane.

[The council appointed William Fairlie, merchant, procurator and collector, "to vplift, rais, and resaue the haill fruits, teynds, rents, provents, and emoluments of the archdeynrie of Lowthiane, personage and vicarage of Currie, annexit thairto," of crop 1583, "conform to the rentall of the said benefice and richts and titles maid thairvpoun."]

28 *February* 1583-4.

Statute, baxteris.

The provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsall, for the better tryell to be had of the baxteris quha grynds at owtmylnis, apprehending of thair stufe and rewairding of sic as will apprehend the samyn, statutes and ordanis that of all meill gottin quhilk is grund at owtmylnis, without leif of the guid towne, thesaurer, or fermoreris for the tyme, the apprehender to haif the fourt pairt for his paynis, and the rest to be delt betuix the fermorers and the hospitall, by the hors and vnlaw mentionat in the act maid the 9 of November last, be ressoun the said vnlaw and hors is the townis escheitt, conform to the said act.

Statute, owlklie penneis.

The foresaid provest, bailyeis, and counsall and [deacons of crafts,] becaus it is lattin thame to vnderstand that sindry of the brether of the craftis and certane vtheris ar nocht content to pay to thar owlklie penneis, conform to the act maid thairvpoun the fourt of June last, quhilk is four penneis of the gild, twa penneis of the merchant, and ane penny of the

sempill craftismen, as at lenth is mentionat in the said act, bot murmuris and grudgeis at the same, allegeis that the said act is in that pairt contrar to the decreitt arbitrall, thairfore to satisfie all pairteis, statuts and ordanis that thair be bot ane owlklie penny, to be tane indifferently of the haill nichtbouris, merchants and craftismen, be the collectouris nominat thairto, and imployet according to the decreitt arbitrall, and in that pairt cassis, rescyndis, and discharges the said act before mentionat. Statute, owlklie pennies.

4 *March* 1583-4.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid dischairging ony maner of persouns to slokkyn their lyme vpoun the hie streits or commoun vinellis, bot allanerly at close futes in the nicht, vnder the payne of ten pund swa oft as thai failyie. Proclamatioun, slokking of lyme.

Ordanis the said thesaurer to sett vp ane gibbet at the stray mercatt owtwith the Nether Bow, within the fredome of this burgh, as wes commandet be the Kings Maiestie for staying of the bikkereris. Gibbett.

6 *March* 1583-4.

Forswamekill as the bailyeis of the last yeir hes willinglie agreit to gif in thair vnlawes of the said yeir to the collectioun grantet for support of the puir according to the decreitt arbitrall, and hes bene diligent in ingaddering of the vnlawes . . . thairfore gevis and disponis vnto thame and the twa collectouris of the said yeir to the thrid pairt of the said vnlawes to be equallie devyded amangs thame . . . And siclyke in respect that the bailyeis ar willinglie content to gif in thair haill vnlawes to the said collectioun, quhilk of dewtie appertenit of before vnto thame, and to mak thame the mair willing to vplift and ingadder the sam with diligence, quhairby the said collectioun sall be augmentit, the puir supportet, and transgressouris throw condigne pvnisement sall be brocht to obedience, and als havand respect to the paynes to be tane be the collectouris quhome it behoveth to attend vpoun the bailyeis, [granted to them in all time coming the third part of all unlaws collected] to be delt equallie amangs the said bailyeis and collectouris, euerie ane persoun thair sext pairt of the sam. Statute, anent the thrid of the vnlawis.

11 *March* 1583-4.

Hospitale calsayes.

The provest, bailyeis and counsall ordanis James Ros, thesaurar . . . to big vp and repair the windowes abone the Hospitall in the Trinitie College with stayne wark or tymmer, and to enter the calsay makers in the maist necessar pairts of the town and calsayes, and to agrie with thame be the avyse of William Littill and Androw Sclaiter.

Anent the letteres of the jm merk.

My lord provest produceit the townis writs and richts concerning the last xm merkis lent to the Kingis grace, viz., the act of secreitt counsall, the lords obligatioun and warrand to register, assignatioun of the cvnghie and lettres to heir registrat, and thai delyuerit to the clerk, and ordanis Henry Nesbet to attend vpoun the recoverie of the said sowme and calling of the lords.

Anent the Nether Kirk yaird.

Ordanis the bailyie of the quarter to waird the heretouris of the lands on the west syde of the Nether Kirk yaird quhill thai close up thair durris and wyndois, conform to the ordinances maid thairvpoun of before at sindrie tymes, becaus the guid town is havilie preiudgeit be the said inhabitares.

13 *March* 1583-4.

Sowth Loch.

Ordaines James Ros, thesaurer, to caus inclose sufficientlie and substantiouslie the ryn of the Sowth Loch, that the watter become nocht skant in tyme of drowth.

Logane, Murray, burgesschip.

William Logane, messenger, beand callit and accusit for circumvening of the town, in obtening his bastard sone to be maid burges vnder pretext as gif he had bene lawfull, and confessand that he was his bastard, thairfore thai ordanit the tikket of his said sone to be tayne fra him and his name to be deleitt furth of the gild buik, and discharges him of his said burgesschip, and continewis to Wedinsday nixt the forther ordour to be tayne with thame for thair falsett. Siclyke, ordanis Cudbert Murray to be wairnet and accusit for the cawsing of his guidsone to be maid burges be rycht of his bastard dochter.

Calsay of the Over Bow.

In respect that the hie streitt of the Over Bow is pairtly decayet, and pairtly become swa slidderie that it is hurtfull to man and beist passand vp and down the sam, thairfore hes fund guid that the sam be rayset and

repairet, and that vpoun the expenssis of the lands on ilk syde thairof; and gevis commissioun to William Littill, bailyie of that quarter, the thesaurer, and Androw Sclater, to sett and taxt the said lands for the sam, and to poynd or waird for the said taxt. Calsay of the Over Bow.

18 *March* 1583-4.

The proveist, bailyeis, [council and deacons of crafts,] at the desyre of Sir Archibald Naper of Edinbellie, knycht, laird of Merchinstoun, and for the guid will and favour borne and schawin be him to the guid town at all tymes, hes condiscendet and agreitt to sell and dispone to him a littill peice waist and vnproffitable rowm . . . . lyand contigue to his lands of Merchinstoun, for compleitting owt of the form and fassioun of his yaird in just proportioun of the four nuiks thairof, he payand thairfore to the guid town and thair thesaurer in thair name the sowm of fiftie merks. Anent a pece of waist in the muir, Merchinstoun.

Becaus it wes proclamet at the Croce that the provest and balyeis of this burgh had bene present at the tryell of the fynnes of this lait cungyie, quhilk thai vnderstand nocht to be of veritie, thairfore hes condiscendet to pas to his Maiestie and declair thair pairt thairof, and the persons absent to pay ane vnlaw of xl s. Anent the new cungyie.

24 *March* 1583-4.

The provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts, vnderstanding that it is the Kings Maiesteis will for eschewing of apperant dayngers, that ane quarter of the town sall watche about his Maiestie thair xxiiij houris about for a certane space, in his Graces pallace of Halyruid Hous, hes thairfore agreit thairto, and ordanis ane warrand in writt to be gottin for the sam. Rex, anent the watche.

25 *March* 1584.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus big ane littill kitcheing, in maner of tofall, at the north end of the dwelling howse of maister Walter Balquanquell, minister. Ministers hous.

Ordainis the bailyeis to mak payment to Androw Sclater, maister of wark [at] the College, of the sowmes awand to him at the fute of his compts, and that with that pairt of this last extent of twa thousand pund Precept, extent. College

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quhairof ane pairt wes grantet for that caus; als, by the said rest of his compts and deduceand the ix^c li. for the burrowes, to gif him the rest of the said extent for preparatioun of materialls for forther wark of the College.

27 *March* 1584.

Maister of the hie schole.

Gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, bailye, Alexander Vddert, Henry Chairteris and Jhonn Jhonestoun to intreatt and confer with the maister of the Hie Schole vpoun quhat conditiouns thai can move him to renunce his office, in respect he is become vnhabill to exerce the sam, and to report his ansuer agane to thame.

3 *April* 1584.

Maister of the Hie Schole.

The provest, bailyeis [council and deacons of crafts,] in consideratioun that maister William Robertoun, maister of the Hie Schole, is aiget and failyeit, and yitt standis provydet to the said office induring his lyfetyme, quhairby the town is putt in this straitt that on the ane pairt thair yowth is neglectet and nocht sufficientlie instructet, and on the vther pairt thai can nocht remove the said maister and leve him altogidder destitute of ane indifferent lyfe induring his tyme, thairfore thay all in ane [consent] consentet and agreit, and be thir presents gevis and grantes to the said maister William, induring his lyfetyme, ane yeirlie pensioun of twa hundreth merks, to be payet to him quarterlie, furth of thair commoun guid, he renunceand and owergevand his rycht, title, and kyndnes to the said office, swa that the guid town may provyde ane vther sufficient habill and qualefeit persoun in his rowme.

8 *April* 1584.

Mesour of the pynt of Stirling.

In presens of the provest, bailyies and counsall foresaid, the principall braysin mesour of the pynt of Stirling beand send for and producet, thai cawset fill the sam with watter, and thairwith met and mesuret the townis braysin mesour of the pynt, and fand the said mesures to be just and agreand togidder, without any maner of difference, and thairfore ordanet the said Stirling mesour to be sent agane, and the thesaurer to pay to him that careis the sam to and fra the sowm of threttie shillings.

10 *April* 1584.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that na Burdealx wyne be sawld of hiear pryces fra this day furth nor threttie penneis the pynt. Wyne.

Ordanis Robert Gourlaw, customer and collectour of the burrowes taxt of iij^{m} li., to resaue the pairts of Kingorn and Innerkething of the said taxt according to the awld ordour, quhilk is Kingorn thre and Innerkething twa of the hundreth of that quhilk this burgh is sett to. Taxt, Kingorn, Innerkething.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay and delyuer to Robert Balfour, sumtyme provest of the Kirk of Feild, the sowm of ane hundreth merks, and that for subscryuing to the guid towne of ane lettere of renunciatioun of his title to the said benefice. Precept, Kirk of Feild.

15 *April* 1584.

[Ordained the collectors of the unlaws, upsets, and weekly pennies, to refund to Henry Nisbet, bailie, £18 disbursed by him to the persons therein named, "puir and aiget fremen, fremennes wyffes, and seruands of the tailyeour craft, visitet be him and Alexander Owsteane, tailyeour, be speciall command of the provest, bailyeis, and counsall, with power to support according to the necessitie," and also £22, 19s. to other persons "all puir and misterful."] Collectouris, puir.

[Ordained the treasurer "to caus wairne all persouns that hes vsurpet or occupeit any pairt of the Blakfreir yaird to remoue thairfra at this Witsonday."] Blakfreir yaird.

Fyndes that of ane ancient custome it hes bene ane proper casualitie of the office of the townis watter bailyie at thair port and heavin of Leyth to haif the dewtie vnderwrittin of all schips rowpet and compryset be him within the said heavin, and thairfore declairis, statutis, and ordanis that as thair said watter bailyie is subiect to dwell and remayne within this burgh, swa he awcht to haif the rowpping and comprysing of all schips, boits, or creares within the said port and heavin, and na vthers, the dewtie quhairof pertening to the said watter baillie is and sall be for the first dayis, rowping or comprysing four penneis, and gif he mak twa dayes rowpping or comprysing to haif aucht penneis, and gif it be thre dayis to haif twelf penneis, and this of ilk pund that the said schip, boit, or creare is rowpet or compryset to. Statute, watter bailyie, schips rowping in Leyth.

17 *April* 1584.

Mwre, porter, mwk at the West Port.

Ordanis and commandis Jhonn Mwre, porter of the West Port, being personallie present, to stay, tak, and apprehend all mwk hors quhilk careis ony mwk furth of this burgh and layes the sam vpoun the hie streits owtwith the said port, and to cum and schaw the sam to the bailyies that thai may tak forther ordour thairwith. Lykewayes the said Jhonn wes admonist for his slewthfull handling of the said port in the nicht, in geving the keyis to his wemen to latt in and owt after the watche sett, and thairfore wes ordanet to be mair attentive, vnder payne of deprivatioun.

Blakfreir yaird. Hie Schole.

For preservatioun of the Hie Schole, bounds and yaird thairof, ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, . . . to big and raise vp the dykes on the north and eist pairts thairof, conform to the awld meithis and merches of the sam in tyme of the Blakfreires.

Precept, convoying King.

Ordanes James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to Thomas Aikinheid, bailyie, the sowme of sex pund deburset be him for the pryce of threttie torches bocht for convoying the Kings Majestie to the Abbay after the banket maid to his grace be my Lord Bothwell at the baptisme of his lordschipis bairne, the said bailyie standand alwayes comptabill to the guid town for swa mony of the said torches as wes nocht brunt.

Durie vnlawet.

Patrik Durie being accuset for conceilling within his hous of ane seruand woman beand with chyld, and nocht reveilling the sam to the bailyeis, contrair the townis statute maid anent fornicatioun, he submittet him selff in the townis will; for the quhilk caus he was adiuget in ane vnlaw of fourty schillings to be payet to the collectouris.

21 *April* 1584.

Commissio. Anent the vc nichtbouris passand to Stirling.

The provest, bailyeis, [council and deacons of crafts,] forswamekeill as the Kings Majestie hes sett furth his graces proclamatioun, bering in effect that his Majestie, vnderstanding of the tressonabill surpryse and taiking of the town of Stirling be certane his graces traitouris and rebellious subiects trubling the publict peax and quyetnes of the realme

is thairfore deliberat to pas in proper persoun, with his Hienes power, authoritie, and assistance of his faythfull subiects, to repres the tresonabill attemptats of the said rebellious subiects, and to restore and establische the publict peace swa trublit, to the performance quhairof his Majestie haiveand guid pruif of the fidelitie, reddynes, and benevolente seruice of the said provest, bailyeis, counsall, deykins of craftis, and haill communitie of his burgh of Edinburgh, nocht onlie of the offer of thair awin corporall seruice to pas and convoy his Hienes persoun bot in the thankfull bestowing and lenning of thair money now and sindry tymes heirtofoir to the avancement of his Hienes seruice and suppleying of necessiteis, meriting his Maiesteis favour and rewaird, quhairof his Maiestie assuris thame as guid occasioun sall present the selff; and to the effect thai may be the mair habill to performe and accomplische thair faythfull seruice to his Maiestie, ordaning and commanding his Maiesties subiects, burgessis and inhabitants of the said burgh and fredome thairof, quhilk occupeis any tred of merchandice, craft, or industrie within the libertie of the sam burgh, that thai and euery ane of thame ansuer and obey the commandment and directioun of the said provest, bailyeis and counsall, in all things tending to the avancement of his Hienes present seruice, ather be thair corporall seruice in passing fordward and serving vnder the chairge of sic capitanes as thai sall be committet vnto, or in paying of stent and taxatioun as sall be sett be the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall, or in keiping of watche and waird within or without thair toun quheneuir thai sall be commandet, as at full lenth is contenit in the said proclamatioun maid and publist on Mononday last. For obedience quhairof, the said provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins, hes cawset cheise furth, elect, and inroll the number of fyve hundreth persouns of the maist habill and best willing nichtbouris of the said burgh, to pas in thair proper persouns with his Maiestie, for thame selffis and in name of the rest quha sall remayne at hame for watcheing, gairding, and keiping of the said burgh; and for the better ordour and governament of the said nichtbouris, inrollit as said is, it is necessar that thair be certane appoyntit commanderis ower thame; and regairding the fidelitie, guid will, and habilitie of thair weil-belouet brether, Henry Nesbet and James Nicoll, bailyeis, thairfore hes maid,

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creatt, and constitute, and be thir presents, makis, creats, and constitutes, thair said brether, coniunctlie and seuerallie, thair cheife and principall rewleris, gyders, and commanderis of thair said nichtbouris appoyntit to pas with his Maiestie as said is; gevand, grantand, and committand to thame and ilk ane of thame thair full power, command and authoritie, to conduct, governe, leid and rewle thair said nichtbouris in passing with his Maiestie, defending his Graces persoun, and persewing of his Maiesteis rebellious subiects quhair and at quhat tyme his Maiestie sall appoynt; with power to thame to elect, cheise, creatt and mak lieutennents, anseyngyeis, corporallis, seriands and vtheris necessar memberis of bands, owt putt and imputt at thair plesure, and generallie all and sindrie vther things to do, vse, and exerce thairanent that to the office of capitanes and commanderis of cumpaneis is knawin to appertene, or that thai micht do thame selffis gif thai wer present in proper persoun; ferme and staibill haldand and for to hald all and quhatsumeuir things thair said bretherein in the premissis sall fynd necessar to be done, etc. And for thair better support and releif, hes adioynet vnto thame thair faythfull and guid nichtbouris, Capitane Hew Lawder and Capitane Patrik Cranstoun, persouns knawin and expert in weirfair, with the said bailyeis, to attend vpoun the governament of thair said nychtbouris in and be all things as may best serue to the fortherance of his Majesteis seruice, and forther hes committet and referrit to the discretioun of the said bailyeis to consider the nichtbouris quha may nocht pas vpoun thair awin chairges, and thame to support and releif with the money appoyntit to the owtred of this present jurney. And sen it is the dewtie of the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall to be maist beneficiall to the said nichtbouris quhais bodeis ar to be cassin in perrell for thame and to indure na small travell and expenssis, thairfore be thir presents agreis, consents, and grantis that the extent to be sett for the owtred of the said nichtbouris sall be sett be the said provest, bailyeis, counsell and deykins, or xvj of thame, and na vtheris, in the quhilk the said nichtbouris quha sall pas in proper persoun without wedges sall be mair gentlie handlit nor ony vtheris, and gif thai gett ony skayth in this thair vayage in the Kings grace and townis seruice sall to thair vttermest releif thair trubill. And ordanis ane lettre to be

maid on all and sindrie the premissis vnder thair seill of caus and delyuerit to the said twa bailyeis for a commissioun to thame. Commissio,&c.

Ordanis Robert Gourlaw, customer and collectour of the burrowes extent of thre thowsand pund, to avance and delyuer of the reddiest thairof the sowm of ane thowsand pund to Henry Nesbet and James Nicoll, bailyeis, to be imployet be thame for owtredding of the furnessing and necessar chairges of the fyve hundreth persouns, nichtbouris of this burgh, quha suld pas vnder thair chairge toward Stirling with the Kings Maiestie aganis his graces rebellious subiects thair for the present. Precept, chairge, Nesbet, Nicoll.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, for serving of the nichtbouris quha passis fordward with the Kings Maiestie aganis his graces rebellis in Stirling, to prepair, by, and furneis pulder and bullet, with ane dosane of schuils and sex mattoks, and to conduce a cairt and hors for careing thairof, and the expenssis heirof vpoun compt and rekning sall be refoundet to him in a pairt of the extent to be grantet for owtred of the said jurnay. Alswa, ordanes the said pulder and bullett, schuillis and mattoks, to be delyuerit to Jhonn Watt, deykin, and he to haif the keping thairof, with the cure and distributioun of the said pulder and bullett, with avyse of the bailyeis quha sall pas with the said nichtbouris, and the said Jhonn to be comptabill for the sam. Precept, munitioun toward Stirling.

The foresaid provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins, forswamekill as the commoun rent of the said burgh is far superexpendet and run in greitt dett throw the Kings graces seruice and commoun effairis of the town, and now the necessar chairges of the fyve hundreth nychtbouris appoyntet to pas to Stirling with his Maiestie, and the pulder, bullet, cairt hyre, and vther expenssis belanging to the owtred and furneissing of thame, thair commanders and members of the bands, will be lairge and sumptuous; as alswa the guid town is addettit to Androw Lamb, in Leyth, in the sowm of ane thowsand merk, and to maister Alexander Betoun, archidene of Lowthiane, in the sowme of fyve hundreth punds, bayth to haif bene payet at termes of lang tyme bygane; nocht comptand the sowm of xvj^{c} li. awand to Mungo Russell at the futting of his last thesaurer compts, with dyuers vthers the townis dettis; thairfore thay haif thocht expedient, agreit, consentet, and ordanet that ane extent of Extent.

Extent.

fyve thowsand pund be vpliftet, sett, and raiset of the burgessis and inhabitants of the said burgh addettit in payment thairof, with all possibill diligence after the returning of the said nichtbouris.

25 *April* 1584.

Provest, Kings grace jowell.

In presens of certane of the counsall and nichtbouris of the towne, Alexander Clerk of Balbirnie, provest, resauet in fra Jhonne Gib, seruitour to the Kings Maiestie, ane of his Maiesteis jowellis, to witt ane taiblett of gold in ane caise, and on the said taiblett ane dyomont stayne and ane emerawld stayne, quhilk wes delyuerit be the said Jhonn in his Maiesteis name to my lord provest, in name of the provest, bailyeis and counsall of this burgh, in pledge of the sowme of foure thowsand pund presentlie lent to his grace be certane nichtbouris of the said burgh, as is metionat in ane lettre of resaitt of the said jowell delyuerit to the said Jhonne and subscryuet be the provest, bailyeis, and counsall, and on the bak thairof subscryuet be my lord provest, grantand his lordschips resaitt of the said jowell. Siclyke my lord provest resauet the act of Secreitt Counsall.

Electioun of bailyeis in absence of vtheris.

[The provost, bailies, and council,] in absence of the remanent bailyeis, counsall, and deykins quha ar past in his Maiesteis seruice to Stirling, in the cumpany of the v^c nichtbouris directet thairto in name of the haill towne, hes fund expedient, for the better gairding, keiping and watcheing of the said town and rewling thairof, that sum be chosin to supplie the place of Henry Nesbet and James Nicoll, bailyeis, quha ar in the said cumpanie, and thairfore, with avyse of the Kings Maiesties counsalouris appoyntet to remayne within this burgh, being for the maist pairt personallie present, electit nominat and chuse James Adamsoun for the said Henry, and William Fairlie for the said James, as bailyeis induring thair absence.

28 *April* 1584.

Statute anent convening the nichtbouris in airmour.

The provest, bailyeis [and council,] fynding be experience of the effray quhilk happinet this last nicht at the Kirk of Feild port quhat misordour is habill to follow heirafter gif the lyke accident sall happin to fall; thairfore, to remeid the sam in tyme cuming, hes thocht expedient,

statute, and ordanet that thair be certayne pairts of the towne designet quhairin euerie quarter sall convene with thair bailyeis in airmour and guid ordour as thai sall be wairnet be the allarum or commoun bell, to witt, the northwest quarter at my lord provests ludgeing, the northeist at the Nether Bow, the sowtheist at the Kirk of Feild kirkyaird, and the sowthwest at the stray merket; and being convenit that the bailyeis caus putt the nychtbouris in rankis and guid ordour and send and direct a certane number with ane commander to attend and abyde at the maist neidfull pairts of thair quarter, the rest to remayne in thair place in quyetnes and to be reddie to pas with the provest and bailyeis as thai sall fynd maist necessar; the persouns nocht convenand or nocht keipand guid ordour and are responsall to be vnlawet in the sowm of fyve li. and the puir to be wairdet in thair persouns at the will of the maiestrats. Statute anent convening the nichtbouris in airmour.

Ordanis the bailyeis of the northeist and sowthwest quarters, with the thesaurer, Andro Sclater, and Robert Henrysoun, to visy the toun wall at Leyth Wynd quhilk is vnderstand to be falteis, and the toun wall at the West Port quhair thai vnderstand that folkis cumis in vnder the sam at the calsay, and to caus repair the sam in all pairts neidfull. Leyth Wynd, West Port.

29 *April* 1584.

Ordanis the inhabitants and possessouris of the lands bewest the well in Saynct Marie Wynd to repair the duris, wyndois, hoillis, and vther pairts thairof, owt of the quhilk any persouns ar wontet to mak ische and entrie, incontinent, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw or wairding. St. Marie Wynd.

9 *May* 1584.

Forswamekill as vpoun the xxj day of Aprile last thay ordanet ane extent of fyve thowsand punds to be sett and rayset vpoun this burgh for the necessar charges of the fyve hundreth nichtbouris of the sam quha past to Stirling with the Kings Maiestie, and for payment of certane dets of the towne specifeit in the said act, and the said nichtbouris being returnet after thai had remanet behind any vthers of the airmy attending vpoun his Maiesteis persoun at his speciall command, and thairby ar putt to greitt expenssis besyde the haisard of thair lyffes and trublis and Anent the nychtbouris chairges quha past to Stirling.

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paynes sufferit in thair jurnay for the behoof of the haill towne, thairfore thai haif thocht expedient, statute, and ordanet that of the said extent of fyve thowsand punds thair sall be tayne and delyverit to the said nichtbouris the sowm of thre thowsand pund for making of thair chairges, by and attoure the chairges of the bailyeis, capitanes, and memberis of the cumpaneis, and of the pulder and munitioun, and becaus euerie ane wes nocht of a lyke chairges, rank, and honestie, thairfore gevis power and commissioun to Henry Nesbet and James Nicoll, bailyeis, [and eight others] at thair discretioun to distribute the said sowm of thre thowsand punds amangs the said nichtbouris, to euerie ane les or mair according to thair chairges, ranks, degrie and honesty; and as to the saids bailyeis, capitanes, and commanderis, ordanis the necessar and honest chairges of the said bailyeis quha past with the said cumpaneis to be payet to thame with ane pairt of the said extent. And ilk capitane to haif for his wedgeis the sowm of fiftie pund; the foure anseyngyeis, ilk ane twenty fyve pund; the maister of the munitioun, twenty fyve pund; and the four seriands, ilk ane twelf pund ten schillings; and the sam, with the said pulder and munitioun, to be payet with ane pairt of the rest of the said extent. Attoure, in consideratioun that ane certane of the nichtbouris of this burgh to ane few number hes at this tyme, be command of his Maiestie direct to the provest and bailyeis, avanceit and lent to his grace the sowme of foure thowsand pund in name of the haill toun, thair beand dyvers vtheris of the lyke or gritter substance quha hes nocht bene chairget thairwith, thairfore [ordained that another extent of £4000 be uplifted of the inhabitants]; and the said sowme of foure thowsand pund to be refoundet to the payers thairof swa sone as it may be obtenet and gottin in of the factorie of Paslay gevin to the toun be his Maiestie for that caus.

13 *May* 1584.

Precept, schipbrokin Inglismen.

Ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawes, vpsetts, and owlkie penneis, to pay and delyuer to the schipbrokin Inglismen, viz., sex men and thre boyes of the town of Blaikney in Ingland, quha laitlie maid schip wrak at Orknay, passand to Iseland, the sowm of twentie pund for making thair chairges hamewart and for thair present support.

The [provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts] makis, creats and constituts my lord provest and William Harvie, tailycour, commissioneris for the guid town in this present parliament to be begun and haldin within this burgh the xvj of Maij instant, and ordanis ane commissioun to be maid and gevin to thame vnder the seill of caus. Als havand regaird to the honour of the town, hes fund guid that my lord provest and bailyeis suld be honorablie convoyet during the tyme of the said parliament, and thairfore ordanis the bailyeis be thair quarteris thair tyme about to caus warne the number of xx persouns of the maist honest nichtbouris in thair quarteris to attend vpoun the provest in convoying his lordship to or fra the tolbuith and abbay, ilk persoun to be chairgeit vnder payne of xl s. swa aft as thai failyie. Parliament, convoying of provest.

20 *May* 1584.

At the desyre of the ministers, eldares and deacones of the kirk of this burgh, meaning the disease and infirmitie of Michaell Marioribankis, present clerk of the said kirk, throw seiknes falling to him in his aige, quhairby he is nocht habill to serue in the said office as he wes wont to do of before, and thairfore craiving that ane sufficient persoun micht be appoyntet to be thair clerk, and lykewayes that the said Michaell wer nocht neglectit bot rather helpet in his latter dayes; for the quhilk caus the said provest, bailyeis, and counsell and deykins, be thir presents, exoneris and discharges the said Michaell of the said office; and inrespect of his present estaitt and bypast seruice, of favour and commiseratioun, frelie grantis and gevis vnto him induring his lyfetyme ane yeirlie pensioun of threttie pund, togidder with his awld pensioun of ten pund, makand in the haill the sowm of fourty pund to be payet to him be the collectouris of the kirkrent present and to cum induring his lyfe tyme as said is, and dischargeing all vther feis, dewteis, and casualiteis quhilk the said Michaell hes had of the guid town in tymes past. And als, inrespect of the qualificatioun and guid report of Henry Bikkertoun, writter, makis, creats, and constituts him clerk of the said kirk induring thair willis and the will and plesour of the kirk, and grantis vnto him ane yeirlie stipend of ten pund for all the dayis of the said Michaell Marioribankis, he seruand Marioribankis, pensioun, Bikkertoun clerk of the kirk.

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in the said office that space, and after the deceis of the said Michaell to haif of yeirlie stipend the sowm of fourty merkis induring his seruice, to be payet be the collectouris of the kirk rent . . . . and the said provest, bailyeis and counsall ordanis William Littill and Alexander Owsteane to present the said Henry the morne to the sessioun of the kirk to be resauet and acceptit be thame.

29 *May* 1584.

Anent Paislay.

Vnderstanding that the Kingis Maiestie has promest to dispone to the guid town the abbacie of Paislay quhill the sowmes avanceit to his grace be payet, thairfor gevis commissioun to William Littill, maister Michaell Chisholme, and Alexander Owsteane to pas to maister Jhonn Scherp, aduocat, and caus him mak firme and devyse the townis securitie thairvpoun.

Precept, Rollok, grammer schole.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to maister Hercules Rollok, quha is to be maid maister of the grammer schole, the sowm of twenty pund to be his expenssis in remaning heir at the townis desyre, and to mak his charges in transporting frome Dundie his provisioun and buikis.

Precept, provost, cvngyie.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to delyuer to my lord provest ane crowne of the sone, deburset be his lordship for a protestatioun maid in playne parliament, in name of this brugh and the haill burrowes, aganis the acts concerning the laitt cvngyie, and ordanis the said thesaurer to raise the said protestatioun.

Statute, baxters.

The provest, bailyeis, and counsall hes thocht expedient, statute and ordanet that na baxters of this burgh sall grynd at the commoun mylnis any masloch bot sic as cumis furth of vther cuntreis, according to the awld ordour vset of before, and that thai grynd thair quheitt be itselff and the ry be itselff, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the stufe.

3 *June* 1584.

Commissioun, nichtbouris, Falkland, Paislay.

Makis, creats and constituts my lord provest, Henry Nesbet, bailyie, [and four others,] commissioneris to pas to the Kings grace with thair nichtbouris quha ar chairget to compeir in Falkland, and to travell with his Maiestie in thair favouris that thai be nocht trublit extraordinarlie bot that cawtioun may be tane to enter thame to the law for ony thing

may be layet to thair chairge; and ordanis the said commissioneris to remember to gett the townis lettre of factorie of Paislay past and subscryuet attentiklie. Commissioun, nichtbouris, Falkland, Paislay.

5 *June* 1584.

In presens of the said bailyeis and counsall . . . Capitan Ramsay producet ane lettre fra the Kings Maiestie desyring that certane of the sowldiouris micht be beltit vpoun the toun, to quhome it wes ansuerit that the provest, twa bailyeis, and maist pairt of the counsall wes absent. And in the meane tyme it is ordanet that ane lettre be sent to the provest to gett the sam dischairget. Anent the belting of suldiouris.

10 *June* 1584.

Ordanis the provest to be wairnet to gadder his awin customes at the Trinity fair now at hand, and proclamatioun to be maid that forswamekill as it wes statute in December last that the town suld visy thair mairchis at the Trinity fair on fute, that thairfore the nichtbouris convene on Setterday nixt at fyve houris in the morning, at the provests lugeing, to pas and visy the sam, ilk persoun vnder the payne of xviij s.; and ordanis that the loch be visitet the said day. Trinitie fair, the touns mairches.

11 *June* 1584.

Comperit Sir James Chisholme, maister of howshald to his Maiestie, quha producet lettres fra the Kings Maiestie, the ane beand the forme of ane ansuer to the lettre sent to the guid town be thair ministers now beand in Ingland, the vther chargeing the provest, bailyeis, and counsall to subscryve the said ansuer, quhilkis beand oppinlie red and considerit tuik thame to avyse thairwith and ordanet the haill deykins of crafts, with the eldares and deacones of the kirk, to be warnet agane efternone for gevin ansuer heirinto; and becaus the said form of ane ansuer apperit to be consavet in scherp and ruch termes ordanet ane vther lettre to be formet furth of the samyn agane efternone mitigating and mollefeing the said scherp wordis. Bill to the ministeris.

The foresaidis provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts ordanis, appoyntis, and nominats Henry Nesbett, bailyie, [and five others] Commissioners sent to the Kings Maiestie.

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to pas to the Kings Maiestie, now at Falkland, and to lawbour and procuir at his Maiesteis hand the libertie of thair nichtbouris that thai may repair to thair dwelling howssis; nixt, anent the lettre sent fra his Maiestie, with Sir James Chisholme, maister of howshald, to be sent to our ministeris in Ingland, quhilk the towne is chairget to subscryve, to desyre his Maiestie that thai be nocht burthenit with any thing hurtfull to thair consciences, and to lawbour that his Maiestie may be content with the secund forme thairof pennit be the town.

17 *June* 1584.

Factorie of Paislay.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] makis and constitutes maister Michaell Chisholme, merchant, thair vnder factor for vplifting the rents of the benefice of Paislay, conform to the factorie maid thairvpoun be the Erle of Montrois, thesaurer to the Kings Maiestie, to the guid toun.

24 *June* 1584.

Precept, maister of the schole.

Ordanis James Ros to pay to maister William Robertoun, maister of the hie schole, the sowm of ane hundreth merks as for the Witsounday termes last bypast of his pensioun of twa hundreth merk grantet to him be the guid town for dimissioun of his office, conform to the contract maid with him.

26 *June* 1584.

Precept, wellis, scholehous.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus clenge and repair the wellis of this burgh at the sicht and discretioun of William Littill, bailyie, and Jhonn Watt, speciallie St. Michaellis Well and the Stokwell. Als the said thesaurer to repair the wyndois of the schole hous and dyke about the same, and to hing the bell thairof be the avyse of Robert Henrysoun, conform to the conditioun maid with the said Robert.

1 *July* 1584.

Pulder.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to tak and haif the keiping of the twa barrell of pulder quhilk come hame agane fra the raid of Stirling.

10 *July* 1584.

[The provost, bailies, and council appointed Thomas Cok, merchant, and William Harvie, tailor, "equallie and coniunctlie, jadgeares, wrakeris, visitouris and markeris of the haill hering and quhyte fische that sall cum within the port and heivin of Leyth and privelege of Edinburgh, conforme to the act of parliament maid thairanent,* during thair lyfetymes," and cautioners were bound with them for performance of their offices, "viz., that thai, be thame selffes, thair deputs, cowpares, and seruands sall faythfullie and trewlie execute and vse thair offices, and sall caus all the heiring and quhyte fische that sall cum within the said port and heavin of Leyth and fredome of Edinburgh to be strukin vp, visitet and wraket, and the treyis thairof to be jageit conforme to the jage and standart, and to devyde the guid and sufficient fische fra the wrak and evill, and to confisk and escheitt the fals treyis, and to juge the guid fische to haif thir qualiteis, viz., the heiring to be callour slayne, stif, cleir, and vngilt or spawnit, having heid and taill with melt and rawne, weill guttet, saltet, and pynet, and to be weill laid, paket, saltet, and presset within sufficient stark treyis of guid bind and lichtnes, and sall mark and burne the samyn with the towne irne conforme to the said act as guid and sufficient;" also to "juge and decerne vpoun the sufficiencie of the keilling, lyng and codling," and "jadge the salmond conforme to the just jadge and se thai be brynt and market be the burghes to quhome the power thairof is grantet be the said act of parliament."] Electioun of visitouris and jadgeris of fische.

15 *July* 1584.

The provest, bailyeis, and counsall, directis William Fairlie and James Merchell to pas to the Kings Grace to Falkland, with ane lettre fra the toun desyrand licence to thame to pas to maister Jhonn Howesoun, minister, in waird, and gett the contract betuix the toun and him subscryuet. Commissio, Fairlie, Howesoun.

17 *July* 1584.

Jhonn M'Gregour, wairdet for blasphemyng, in the hie streitt, of the guid word of God and ministers thairof, thairfore ordanis him to be putt in the jogs at the Tron at xij houris and to stand thairin quhill vj houris at evin, and to be oblist neuir to do the lyke vnder the payne of scurgeing and banesing. M'Gregour, blasphemer.

Ordanis the thesaurer to mak ane new lok and key to the croce dur. Precept, croce.

* 1584, cap. 19. Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, vol. iii., p. 302.

22 *July* 1584.

Pest.

Vnderstanding that thair is ane suspicioun of the pest rissin in the toun of Wester Wemys, thairfor ordanis Androw Sclater and James Henrysoun, chirurgeane, to pas and try the sam, that the town may tak ordour in tyme for eschewing thairof.

Commissioners to the King, Paislay, Howesoun.

Gevis power and commissioun to Henrie Nesbet, bailyie, maister Michaell Chisholme and Thomas Miller, to pas to the Kings grace, and in name of the town to schaw the estaitt of the abbacie of Paislay, as the town hes fund after tryell of the rentale thairof, quhow it is nocht onlie diminishet in the rentall bot alswa consumet in pensiouns, and thairfore to seik the remedie and to sie gif thai can purches the escheits of the pensioners quha ar rebellis, and to do heirin be informatioun of the said maister Michaell. Alswa to lawbour and travell at his Maiesteis hands for the libertie of maister Jhonne Howesoun, minister, and gif it be nocht obtenit, that he may be tryet with diligence and beand fund innocent may be fred without delay.

Watche, ports.

It wes reportet be my [lord] provest that the Kingis Maiestie, for caussis knawin to his grace, desyret that ane guid watche mycht be keipit in the toun, speciallie be nycht, thairfore ordanis the Kirk of Feild port, Watter Yett and Kowgaitt port, to be closet, ten persouns to be augmentet to the nicht watche, and vj persouns to be put to ilk port, viz., the Nether Bow and West Port, and that the bailyies in thair quarteris sie the premissis done and guid ordour keipet for gairding of the toun.

24 *July* 1584.

Proclamatio, pest.

Vnderstanding that the seiknes of the pest is brokkin vp in the toun of Waster Weymis, be occasioun of certane houshald guidis and vther wairis cum fra Flanders quhair the said seiknes is vehement, and be the lyk way may be spred in the cuntrie gif remeid be nocht provydet, tharfore ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throuch this burgh and town of Leyth that na maner of persouns, merchants, passingers or vthers, presume or tak vpoun hand to transport or bring hame frome ony pairt of Flanders any maner of bedding, howshald geir, spraichrie wairis, or siclyk guidis, quhairby any

daynger of infectioun may arryse; and sielyke that na skippers tak or resaue any sic guids in thair schips or veschells fra this day furth, vnder the paynis of byrning and destroying of the said guids and pvnessing of the hame bringers and skippers to the deid; and sic persouns as hes brocht hame any sic guids that thai cum incontinent and mak intimatioun to the bailyeis, offer and present the sam to thame that thai may tak ordour thairwith vnder the paynis foresaids; and als that na skippers of schips, merchants, passingers or vthers cumand fra any dayngerous or suspect pairt of Flanders, lose thair guidis or repair thame selff amangs the Kings lieges before thai or thair guidis be visetit be the bailyeis or sic as sall be depute thairto, vnder the payne before mentionat. Proclamatio, Lest.

5 *August* 1584.

Grantis and consentis to len the mayden to the Lord Borthuik and his tutour for executioun of ane man quha hes committet murthure within his lordshipis bounds. Lord Borthuik, lenning the mayden.

Ordanis the wawpunschawing of this burgh to be maid the tent of August instant and the nychtbouris to be wairnet thairto be oppin proclamatioun, vnder the payne of v li., by the Kingis grace vnlaw, and to haif all lang wawpuns as speir or pik or hakbuts with thair furnesings, vnder the sam payne. And ordanes the thesaurer, be the avyse of Hew Lawder, to caus mak and bye ane hundreth futemenis speiris to be delyuerit to thame that wantis speiris or piks and thay to be cawset pay for the sam. Wawpunschawing.

7 *August* 1584.

In respect the commoun and wechtie effairis of this burgh ar grittumelie incressit and can nocht be owertane vpoun the twa foirnone tymes of the ordiner counsall dayes, thairfor ordanis ilk Tysdaye efternone to be ane ordiner tyme for the bills and vther caussis lyand ower, and to convene at twa houris, the bell to be rung and the absents to be vnlawet as on the counsall dayes. Convening on Tysdayes.

12 *August* 1584.

For keiping of the stepill, fynds guid, that certane wadget men be Keiping of the stepill.

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placeit thairin at the returning of the lieutennent fra the commouning with the Lord Hunasdaill at the borderis.

Proclamatio, bell ringing at x houris at evin.

For keiping guid ordour within this burgh and eschewing of trubill and nicht walking, it is thocht expedient that at ten houris at evin, nichtlie, the greitt bell gif fourty jowes or thairby, and fra the ceissing thairof that nane be fund in the Hie Streitt, vnder the payne of xx s. and imprysonment during the townis will.

Toun wall.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus big and raise the wall in Leyth Wynd with lowse staynis and to cast fowseis within the sam.

14 *August* 1584.

Collectioun for the seik of the pest in the Wemys.

Vnderstanding that the pestilence is greitt in the toun of the Wemys and the pepill puir and neidy, thairfore fynds guid that ane collectioun be gadderit to thair support of sic as willinglie will contribute thairto, and appoyntis Androw Sclater, William Fairlie and William Harvie, to pas throw the towne and gadder the said contributioun.

Anent the hie schole.

At the desyre of maister Hercules Rollok, maister of the hie schole, and for the repairing and ordoring thairof, ordanis the thesaurer to caus mend and repair the glas wyndois, the lokis, bands, and vther pertinents thairof, to furneis the well with bukkets and watter stands, repair and mend the dykes, and hing the bell thairof commodiouslie; and the expenssis thairof sall be allowet in his compts. *Secundlie.* That all vther grammer scholes within the liberty of this burgh be visetet and dischairget, and that maister William Robertoun, awld maister, haif na ma disciples nor is appoyntet to him be the towne. *Thridlie.* That all burgessis of this burgh haiving thair childrein in hous with thame be dischairget fra putting or retening thair bairnis at ony vther schole for leirning of grammer except the said hie schole within certane dayes, vnder ane amand to be payet to the said maister Hercules euery quarter for euery bairne vtherwayes teachet. *Fourtlie.* Appoyntes James Nicoll, bailyie, Jhonn Jhonestoun, maister Jhonn Prestoun and Henry Chairters to convene togiddler on Sonday nixt at efternone, with sic learnet men as may be had in this burgh, to gif thair avyse and jugement and sett downe the forme of ane certane cours and ordour of buikis and professions to be

tawcht within the said hie schole, and to distingueis the sam fra that quhilk sall be teachet in the College. *Last.* Gevis command to the commoun clerk to gif to the said maister Hercules the dowbill of the contract betuix the guid towne and him, and of all vther contracts, decreitts, priveleges and acts, maid in favouris of any maisteris of the said schole in tyme past, and sic writtes as ar in the hands of the said maister William Robertoun concerning the said schole be gottin and resauet fra him. Anent the hie schole.

26 *August* 1584.

[The bailies and council,] for eschewing of the inconvenients of the pest, ordanis the bailyeis of Leyth, ilk xxiiij houris, to place four nichtbouris of Leyth and ane officer to attend at the schore vpoun the landing of the boits and trying and seing the testimonialls, and the persouns refusand to attend to be poyndet for ane vnlaw of v li. vnforgevin; and siclyk ordanis proclamatioun to be maid vpoun the schore of Leyth that na boittes land at the Newheavin, Grantoun Craigs, or ony vther pairt betuix the Quenisferrie and Leyth bot in Leyth allanerlie, vnder the payne of tynsall of the boitt and imprisonment of thair persouns, and that intimatioun heirof be maid to Kingorn and Bruntiland; attour, for provyding of spedie remeid incais ony seiknes suld aryse within this toun or in Leyth, as God forbid, it is thairfore thocht expedient that the belman of this burgh cum to ilk bailyie according to his quarter quhairin any persoun sall happin to deciss any maner of way and schaw the sam to the said bailyie, quha sall pas, visie, and try quhat seiknes that persoun deyet into, and thairafter the corps to be bureit and the bell to gang throw the toun and na vtherwayes, and the lyke ordour to be keipet in Leyth. Pest, schore.

Ordanis William Fairlie and Thomas Myller to pas to the Kings grace, with ane lettre of the guid townis in favouris of maister Jhonn Howesoun, minister, cravand his libertie or at the leist that he may be wairdet in this toun or in Glasgow vpoun cawtioun quhill his caus be tryet. Als that be the way thai aduerteis Kingorne and Bruntisland that na boats land bot at Leyth. Commissioners, Fairlie, Howesoun.

4 *September* 1584.

Stewart bureit in the kirk.

Inrespect of the honour and dignitie sumtyme borne within the towne be vmquhill Archibald Stewart, quha wes provost of the sam, and for vther guid caussis and consideratiouns moving thame, grantes and consentis that the said Archibald sall be bureit within the Hie Kirk of this burgh at the ile callit St. Antones Ile.

Precept, eill ark.

Ordanis Thomas Aikenheid, [and four others,] to pas and visie the eill ark at the eist end of the North Loch, and at thair sicht the soill of the syour of the rin of the said loch to be repairit be the said thesaurer.

7 *September* 1584.

Commissioners to the King anent ministers.

Inrespect of the absence of the townis awin ministeris and that the Kings Maiesteis ministers quha suppleit thair rowme now occupeis nocht the place, quhairby the toun is destitute of teacheris, for remeid thairof hes thairfore thocht expedient that Alexander Clerk of Balbirnie, provest of the said burgh, [and six others,] in name of the toun and kirk, sall pas to the Kings Maiestie and gif in thair supplicatiouns anent the premissis, desyrand that his Maiestie will tak ordour thairwith; and incais it may nocht stand with his Maiesteis plesour that thair awin ministeris be drawin hame that his grace will provyde sic ministeris as his Maiestie thinks worthie to supplie thair places.

11 *September* 1584.

Leyis wairdet.

[The bailies and council] being convenit and Jhonn Leyes, merchant, callit in before thame and accuset for blasphemous and iniurious wordis spokin be him in audience of Henry Nesbet, bailyie, on yisterday quhen he wes chairget to pay his extent, sayand that he wald the devills of hell wer bailyeis and the mekill horne devill provest, and curset thame that maid the agreance betuix merchants and craftismen; als for in passing to waird beand chairget thairto confesset the said wordis, and thairfore wes commandet in waird quhill forther ordour wer tane with him thairanent.

Inrespect the tyme of electioun of the counsall, deykins, and magestrats is at hand, fynds expedient to mak the number of the counsall full, and thairfore electit the persouns following in place of thame that ar absent. . . . Counsall, deykins, electioun.

16 *September* 1584.

[The provost, bailies and council, named a leet of three persons of each craft out of whom the deacons were to be chosen.] Lytes of the new deykins.

Vnderstanding that the spous of maister James Lowsoun is chairget to devoyde and remove fra the lugeing sumtyme occupeit be hir said spous, within the quhilk is placeit the townis librarie; lyk as his said spous, comperand, offerit the keys of the said lugeing to the town with the said librarie and haill tymmer wark inputt in the said lugeing be the toun, thairfore ordanis William Littill, bailyie, to resauve the said keyis and he and maister Johnn Prestoun, maister Michaell Chisholm, Dauid Williamsoun and William Harvie to pas and resauve the said lugeing, inuentour the tymmer wark and buiks, and the said William Littill to keip the sam quhill forther ordour be tane thairwith. Commissio, ministeris lugeing, librarie.

Thomas Copland, merchant, beand accuset for the speking of iniurious wordis in audience of Henrie Nesbet, bailyie, wes ordanet to pay to the maisteris of the hospitall the sowm of fourty schillings in name of the puir to by thame coillis and to ask the toun forgifnes. Siclyke, Jhonn Leyis, beand wardet for his enormiteis, conform to ane act maid thairvpoun, wes ordanet to pay xl s. to the said hospitall, mak reddy payment of his extent, to ask the bailyie and guid toun forgifnes quhair he offendet, and nocht to do the lyke heirafter vnder the payne of xl li. and tynsall of his fredom. Copland, Leyis, vnlawet, hospitall.

Comperit William Littill, bailyie, maister Michaell Chisholm and maister Jhonn Prestoun, and declairet that conform to the commission gevin to thame, thai had past to the lugeing of maister James Lowsoun, minister, quhair thai fand the touns librarie in place according to the inventour assignet thairwith, togidder with the haill skelffs, buirds, futegangs, pres and tymmer wark, with the loks, keyis and bandis; thairfore the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall exoneris and discharges the said maister James of the act maid concerning the custody Ministeris lugeing, librarie.

Ministeris lugeing, librarie.

of the said bukes, and ordanis the sam to be deleitt; and sielyke grantes thame to haif resauet the said lugeing and all necessaris thairof imputt thairin be the toun and the Kings grace charge fulfillet and obeyet be the said maister James spous in all poynts; and ordanis William Littill to haif the keyis and custodie of the said lugeing and librarie quhill forther ordour be tane thairwith be the guid toun.

Parliament, suburbs of burrowes.

For the weill of the estaitts of frie burrowes, ordanis ane article to be gevin in to this present parliament aganes all craftismen quha remaynis in the suburbs of burghs and places thair about, and Henry Nesbet, bailyie, and William Fairlie to caus the said article be formet and gevin in to the lordis of articles.

18 *September* 1584.

New deykins.

[Certain brethren of each of the fourteen crafts presented the persons chosen deacons out of the leets named by the council.]

Balcanquell, Duryes lugeing.

Comperit [*blank*] Marioriebankis, the spous of maister Walter Balcanquell, minister, and conform to the charge gevin to hir be our Souerane lords lettres, declaret that scho had red and maid voyde the ministers lugeing occupeit be hir and desyret to be exonerit thairof. Sielyke, comperit the spous of Jhonn Cairnis, minister, and in name of Jhonn Dury, minister, and his spous, producet the keyes of the lugeing sumtyme occupeit be the said Jhonn. Quhilkis keyis the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall cawset William Littill, bailyie, to resaue and keip quhill ordour wer tane with the said lugeing, and exoneris and discharges the said ministers and thair spous of the samyn.

Librarie.

Ordanis the townis librarie, skelffis and buirds thairof, to be transportet furth of the lugeing sumtyme occupeit be maister James Lowsoun, minister, and set vp in the townis college in a hous convenient, at the sicht of William Littill, bailyie, and to be delyuerit to maister Robert Rollok, maister of the said college, and he to be oblist to the custody thairof.

New counsall.

[The provost, bailies and council chose, furth of the new deacons of crafts six persons to be of the new council for the year to come.]

19 *September* 1584.

The provest, bailyeis, counsall, and deykins of crafts, beand convenit for the maist pairt, ordanis proclamatioun to be made dischairgeing any nychtbouris of this burgh to repair to Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Wemys, or any pairt suspect of the pest, and that nane of the said places presume to resort within this burgh or fredome thairof vnder the payne of deid. Proclamatio, pest.

Ordanis Jhonn Watt, ane of the collectouris of the vnlawes, vpsetts, etc., to gif to Robert Wyller, Robert Steid, and Thomas Wodyer, puir Inglis tymmer men come fra Norway, the sowm of thre pund to help thair expenssis hame ower. Inglis tymmer men.

23 *September* 1584.

Appoyntis William Littill, Androw Sclater, Jhonn Watt, thesaurer, and Jhonn Bannatyne to pas to Leyth, and thair to se quhat ordour is keipet on the schore at the tydes, and to putt reformatioun with sic substantial ordour as thai fynd expedient, and to report to the towne. Schore of Leyth.

[The provost, bailies, and council elected three merchants and two craftsmen to be of the new council for the year to come.] New counsall.

24 *September* 1584.

The provest, and sa mony of the bailyies and counsall as wer presentlie convenit, inrespect that it is bruittet that the pest incressis daylie in Fyfe and is laitlie brokkin vp in St. Jhonestoun, thairfore ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that nane of the Kings graces sowldiouris or gaird, nor na persoun quha hes bene in St. Jhonestoun or ony suspect place, presume be thameselflis, thair wyffes, seruandis or guidis, to cum within the libertie of this burgh, and gif ony be come that thai depairt incontinent, vnder the payne of deid. And appoyntes Jhonn Watt and Henry Blyth to pas to Strabrok and trye gif ony seiknes be thair, and als takand with thame ane officer of airmes to pas to the Quenisferrie and caus the Kings grace proclamatioun to be maid dischargeing all boits to pas thair, and maister Michaell Chisholm and Thomas Myller to pas to Leyth and dischairge the boits thairof. Proclamatio, pest, boitts dischargit.

Ministers.

[The provost, bailies and council,] with ane pairt of the eldares and deaconis of the kirk, considering that the kirk of this burgh is destitute of pastures and teachers, throw the absence of thair awin ministers, thairfore votet and consentet, in presens of my lord bischop of Sanctandrois, that the Kings Maiestie suld nominat and assigne furth twa of thir persouns quhome his Maiestie fand maist expedient, to witt, maister Dauid Lyndsay, minister of Leyth, maister Peter Blaikburne of Abirdene, and maister Jhonn Craig and Jhonn Dunkesoun, his graces awin ministers, to occupie that place.

25 *September* 1584.

Lytes of the maiestrats.

[The provost, bailies and council elected certain persons to be on the leets for the provost, bailies, dean of guild and treasurer.]

30 *September* 1584.

Reading of the prayers.

In respect of the absence of Jhonn Cairnis, minister, be ordinance of the secreitt counsall, thairfore ordanis Cudbert Sandersoun, maister of a schole, to reid the commoun prayers morning and evening quhill the hamecoming of the said Jhonn or quhill forther ordour be tayne heiranent.

Commissio, lipper hous.

Appoyntis maister Michaell Chisholme and William Harvie, with Alexander Purves, to try and inquyre at James Marioribankis, noter, and vthers, the estait and ordour of the awld fundatioun of the lipper hous besyde Dyngwall, and to speik maister James Bannatyne anent his title thairof, and to report the nixt counsall day.

3 *October* 1584.

Fontanes cofferis.

My lord provest and a pairt of the counsall ordanis the cofferis and guids of Monsieur de Fontaine, Fraincheman, arreistet be the bailyeis as suspect to contene papist buikis, to be delyuerit to the said Monsieur inrespect of the charge gevin be the Kings grace to that effect.

6 *October* 1584.

Electioun of the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild and thesaurer.

The provest, bailyeis, counsall, awld and new, with the haill deykins of crafts, being convenit for electioun of the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild and thesaurer, furth of the lytes thairof, conform to the ordour, comperit

maister George Young, seruitour to the Kingis Maiestie, and producet ane missive lettre direct to the provest, bailyies, counsall, deykins, and vthers hailfand vote in the said electioun, off the quhilk the tenour followes: Trest freynds, we greitt yow weill. The vndewtifull behaviour and meaning of swa mony of the inhabitants of our burgh of Edinburgh, sinisterlie affectit, geving ws guid experience quhat is to haif gude magestrats in office, we can nocht weill owersie on this your solemne tyme of thair electioun to present vnto yow be our recommendatioun sic persouns to beir chairge in the said burgh for this nixt yeir as be thair former service hes gevin ws gude occasioun to consaue weill of thair affectioun to the furthsetting of our authoritie and the obedience of our lawes. We meane our richt trest cousing and counsallour, James erle of Arrane, oure chancellare, and burges of our said burgh, to be your provest, with power to him to depute vnder him sic as he sall ansuer for to attend vpoun the office in his absence; Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, William Nesbet, and William Harvie to be bailyeis; Nicoll Vddert to be your dene of gild, and James Ros to continew thesaurer. All quhilks it is our will and we desyre yow earnestlie to cheise immediatlie to the saidis offices, als weill for satisfactioun of our mynde and lyking as for thair knawin dispositioun to the obedience of our lawes and ordinances, quhairof we maist esteme in publict offices, and thair particulare affectioun to the weill of our said burgh and euerie inhabitant thairof that can content him to leve simplie as becumes a subiect of his calling. In quhilk respectis, trusting to find our desyre effectuall, we will remit forther credite to the bearer; and committ yow to God. Frome Halyruidhous this fyft of October 1584. *Subscribitur:* JAMES R. The credite of the said berer beand hard, quhilk wes conforme to the said lettre, and the said provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins being avysit with the said lettre, votet and agreit to obey and fulfill the sam, and thairfore alteritt and correctit thair former lytes in maner following, to witt, off the lyttes of the provest, in place of Henry Nesbet imputt James erle of Arrane; in the lyttes of the bailyeis, in place of Jhonn Lowry imputt James Nicoll; and in place of Jhonn Mayne put Henry Nesbet; in the lytes of the dene of gild, in place of maister Jhonn Prestoun imputt Nicoll Vddert. And swa, procedand to the said electioun,

Electioun of the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild and thesaurer.

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be thair votes for the maist pairt, electit thir persouns, to witt, the said James erle of Arrane, chancellare, in provest; the saidis Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, William Nesbet and William Harvie to be bailyies; Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild; and James Ros, thesaurer. And the said nobill lord thairafter comperand acceptit the said office vpoun him and gaif his ayth in the forme vset thairto. Siclyke the said Henry Nesbet, William Nesbet, William Harvie and James Ros acceptit thair offices and gaif thair aythis as vse is.

7 *October* 1584.

Electioun of certane of the counsall.

[The provost, bailies, and council, for completing their number, elected certain persons "in place of thame that ar promotet to vther offices to be of the counsall for the yeir to cum."]

9 *October* 1584.

Sandersoun, reidare.

Ordanit Jhonn Broun, collectour of the kirk rent, to pay to Jhonn Sandersoun, reidare, the sowme of ten pund to by to him ane gown.

Bailyeis of Leyth. Assessouris. Collectouris.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts elected three persons to be bailies of the town of Leyth. Also "chuse maister Jhonn Scherp, maister Jhonn Prestoun, maister Henry Balfour, and maister Alexander King, assessouris to the guid toun;" and elected "Jhonn Watt, smyth, and James Merchell, merchant, collectouris for the yeir to cum of the vnlawes, vpsetts, and owlklie penneis."]

Comissio, parochins.

Ordanis Alexander Clark of Balbirnie, awld provest, [and six others,] to convene on Sonday nixt at efternone, after the sermoun, in the counsalhous, thair to consult and devyse for pairting and devyding of the town in four seuerall parochins and assigning of a competent kirk to euerie parochein, for guid ordour, disciplyne, and pollicie to be had in the kirk; and siclyke to propone to my lord provest that the town may gett the gift of the Trinitie College,

Phillop, leprosie.

Ordanis the collectouris to gif to Jhonn Phillope, sone to Alexander Phillop, infectet with leprosie, threttie penneis owlklie for his sustentatioun and contening of him fra the Hiegaitt and kirk; and gif his father suffer him to repair in the said places, the said dewtie to be tane away and he to be pvnist thairfor.

14 *October* 1584.

Moderatour in counsall.

For proponing of all maters in counsall and putting thame to a

poynt, collecting of the woits, putting of the directiouns and ordinances to executioun and keping ane guid ordour that confusioun may be avoydet, it is thocht expedient and ordanet be the said bailyeis and counsall that ane of the said bailyeis sall be moderatour his tyme about, quhilk tyme sall endure for ane moneth togidder, and to begyn at Henrie Nesbet as the oldest bailyie to be moderatour presentlie and to continew the said space. Moderatour in counsall.

For establissing ane guid ordour and pollicie within the kirk and executioun of the disciplyne thairof, hes agreitt and condiscendet to the heids sett down be the persouns nominat to that effect in maner following, to witt, the haill towne to be deuydet in foure parochins according to thair quarters as thai presentlie stand, and euerie parochein to haif thair paroche kirk, according to thair quantitie, the grittest parochein to the grittest kirk, viz., St. Geillis Kirk for the sowthwest quarter; the Magdalein Chaipell for the sowth eist within the ports, the New Kirk for the north west, and the Trinitie College for the north eist and the Cannogaitt heid without the port, and to this effect the said college to be incloset within the town and ane yett to be strikkin furth in the town wall at the fute of Halkerstouns Wynd to serue for a passage to the said kirk. Attour, euerie ane of thir paroche kirkis to haif thair awin particulare reidare, and euery parochiner to cum to the prayers, communioun, repentance, baptisme, and mariage in his awin paroche kirk. And, last, the provest, bailyies, counsall and deykins, with avyse of the ministers, to elect furth of euerie parochein thre elders and four deaconis, quha sall convene all togidder ilk Thurisday, with twa bailyeis and four of the counsall of the town, to tak ordour with the effairis belanging to thair charge, to witt, the correctioun of the maners and support of the puir. And the names of the said eldares and deaconis to be gevin to the ministers and intimat be thame to the pepill, that gif any personis haif to say aganes the saidis persouns may compeir, and his complaynt beand fund of trewth and resonabill ane vther to be electit in place of that eldare or deacon. And ordanis the haill deykins of crafts to be warnet agane Fryday nixt to gif thair consent to the present ordour. Statute, parochins, eldares, deacones.

Ordanis ane missiue lettre to be sent to maister Michaell Cranstoun, Cranstoun, reidare.

Cranstoun, reidare.

in Selkirk, desyrand him to cum to this burgh to se gif the toun and him can agrie to be ane reidare or minister within the sam.

16 *October* 1584.

Commissio anent Cranstoun, Kenlwie, ministers.

[The provost, bailies, and council] being convenet, agreit and gait thair commissioun to the bailyeis, thesaurer, William Fairlie, Jhonn Bannatyne, to confer with maister Michaell Cranstoun and to appoynt with him the tyme and place of the pruif of his doctrine; and siclyke, to confer with maister Patrik Kenlwie, minister of Lynlythqw, that he may teache ane certane space in this pulpett to se that he be weill interteneit, and to agrie for his chairges and expenssis induring his remaning heir. and promesis to hald ferme and stabill all things done be thame heirinto Als the maist pairt of the remanent deykins of crafts being present consentet and agreit heirto.

Hospitall.

Fynds Gilbert Quhyte, tailyeour, to haif commettet disobedience . . . and thairfore ordanis and decernes the said Gilbert for his vnlaw to by and lay in to the hospitall sex laid of coillis to be delyuerit to the maisteris thairof.

Beidmanschip.

[Gave to Thomas Nasmyth, cuitler, a beidmanschip in St. Pawles Wark.]

Electioun of eldares and deaconis paroceis.

The foresaids bailyeis and counsall and deykins of crafts, for the maist pairt, fyndes it expedient that in tyme cuming the elderis and deaconis of the kirk sall with avyse of the ministeris be electet and chosin be the provest, bailyeis, counsall and deakins of craftis, conform to the act maid thairvpoun on Wednisday last; quhilk act and haill contents thairof thai ratefie and approve in all poyntes.

21 *October* 1584.

Precept, collectouris, Merchell.

Ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawis, vpsetts, and owlklie penneis, for the sustentatioun and keping of Jonet Merchell, dochter to Robert Merchell, cordiner, puir and neidy and presentlie vexet in her spreitt with desperatioun of hir saluatioun, to deburse and gif the sowm of twa schillings daylie induring the counsallis will.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to tak the awld brokin irn chymnay in the over counsall hous and ather barter the sam with ane new irn chymnay or ellis to caus put ane new chymnay in place thairof to be maid and suppleyet with the irne thairof. Irne chymnay.

Fynds Jhonn Forester, officer, to haif offendet, circumvenit and dissavet the toun, beand commandet be the bailyeis to putt Bartie Ochultrie, seruand to Andro Lyndsay, javellour, in the irnes and to delyuer the keyis thairof, quha brocht and gaif the wrang key; and thairfore ordanis the said Jhonn to be putt in the said irnes for his offence, thair to remayne quhill the nixt counsall day. Sielyke, ordanis [*blank*], boy to the javellour, to be putt in the said irnes or coilhous for participatioun of the said fraude. Forester, officer, putt in the irnis.

Ordanis Jhonn Watt, smyth, ane of the collectouris of the vnlawes, vpsettis, and owlklie penneis, to mak and furneis to [*blank*] quha cryes throw the toun and kirk "God save the King," and is puir and naiket, ane jowp, ane pair of breiks, hois and schone, of ony gros and stark stufe . . . and ordanis the bailyies to discharge the said [*blank*] to cry throw the kirk and trubill the sam at the sermouns and prayers. Precept, collectouris.

For keping of ane guid ordour amangs the officeris and seriands of this burgh and latting of thame to knaw thair dewtie, that thai pretend na ignorance in tyme cuming, and for eschewing of the enormiteis quhilk hes bene amangs thame in tymes past, thairfore iniunes and imposes vnto thame the ordinances and iniunctiouns vnderwrittin, to be inviolablie obseruet be thame in all tymes heirafter. Iniunctiouns to the officeris.

First. He that is fra the counsalhous dur on the counsall dayes the day of thair keping sall pay half ane mark to the bailyie and ly 24 houris in presoun quhill he pay the sam.

Item. That euerie officer sall execut his decreitts within ane moneth after the recept thairof, vnder the payne of xl s., and to ly in wairde quhill he pay the sam; and quhat officer refuises to mak wairning at the desyre of ony nychtbour at quhat tyme he sall be requyret, or refuissis to resave decreitt, sall pay xxx s. and remayne in waird quhill the sam be payet.

Item. That thai awaitt on thair bailyeis at all tymes and pas nocht

Iniunctiouns to the officeris.

away without licence or directiouns, vnder the payne of vj s. viij d. sua oft as thai failyie and remayne in waird quhill the sam be payet.

Item. That euerie Sonday before and after none twa officeris remayne and keip the kirk dur in tyme of preicheing, and the rest of the officeris of that quarter that day keip the Hiegaitt, and to be ansuerabill to his bailyie of sic things as sall be done; and the officer that failyeis heirin sall pay ane vnlaw of vj s. viij d. and ly in waird quhill he pay the sam.

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Boxe in the clerkis chalmer, deaconis.

Ordanis the boxe in the clerks chalmer to be oppynet and the money beand thairin to be delyuerit to Archibald Jhonestoun to be distributet be him and the restis of the deaconis of the kirk to the puir of the town, lyand bedrellis, and to na others.

Deuyding of the toun in thretteis.

For keeping of ane better ordour and rewle ot the watches within the toun be the nichtbouris thairof, and that thai may be the mair reddy to serue the Kings Maiestie at all occasiouns, hes thocht expedient, statute and ordanet that the haill inhabitants of this burgh to be deuydet, casten, and devydet in thretteis, according to thair quarters, and twa persouns of euerie threttie, the ane of them ane merchant the vther beand ane craftisman, to be electet to haif the rewle and commandment of the rest; and ane officer to be assignet to the commanders of ilk threttie to convene and warne the persouns vnder thair charge. And gevis power and commissioun to Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, [and five others], be the avyse and concurrance of the bailyeis in thair quarters, to convene and mak the said diuisioun, elect the commanders, assigne to thame thair officeris, and to sett doun the haill ordour belanging heirto, and to report the sam to the counsall the neixt day.

Commissio, Dysart.

Appoynts and nominats William Fairlie, merchant, and Jhonn Watt, smyth, to pas to the toun of Dysart, presentlie infectet with the pest, and to visy thair estaitt and quhairof thai stand in neid, to be supportet be the toun vpoun thair awin expenssis, and the saidis persouns to report the sam to the guid toun at thair returning. In the meyne tyme the theasurer and Hew Lauder to try quhair ony meill may be had in Leyth in houssis narrest the schore and to speik for ane boitt.

24 *October* 1584.

The bailyeis, [council, and deacons of crafts] nominat, and be plur-alitie of votes electet and chuse the persouns vnderwrittin to be eldares and deaconis of the kirk of this burgh for the yeir to cum, furth of the four quarteris and parochins thairof, conform to the ordour sett down in ane act maid the xiiij of October instant, and ordanis thair names to be gevin to the ministeris to be publist in the kirk on Sonday nixt and intimatioun maid to the pepill, wairning thame that gif ony persoun hes to say aganis the said elders and deaconis to compeir before the counsall on Weddinsday nixt quhair thai sall be hard. Followes the names of the said elders and deaconis:—Eldaris: William Inglis, merchant; Jhonn Robertsoun, merchant; David Lautie, writer; William Naper, merchant; Henry Charters, merchant; Jhonn Henrysoun, writter; James Wod, baxter; James Forman, merchant; maister Jhonn Provand, merchant; Edward Hairt, goldsmyth; maister Henry Balfour, aduocatt; maister Olipher Colt, aduocat. Deaconis: Jhonn Thomesoun, skynner; Patrik Eleis, merchant; James Sandelands, tailyeour; Thomas Patersoun, younger, merchant; Archibald Mwdy, apothecare; James Skathwie, merchant; James Barclay, skynner; Alexander Thomesoun, taverner; Thomas Taitt, merchant; William Hoppringill, litster; Jhonn Borthuik, baxter, eldare; Jhonn Dowgall, younger, merchant; Jhonn Hereott, baxter; Jhonn Makmorame, merchant; William Courtie, skynner; Jhonn Mwre, merchant. Electioun of the eldaris and deaconis.

Ordanis James Ros, theasurer, to caus renew the irnes and cheyngyeis of the gallous and borrow mure and imploy the awld irne in the said wark. Gallous.

Electit and nominatt Dauid Kinloch, baxter, and Alexander Thomesoun, taverner, maisters of the towns hospitall for the yeir to cum. Maisteris of the hospitall.

[The following were the prices fixed at this time:—"The touns breid to wey sextein vnce the balbie laif, and the owtlands breid twenty vnce the balbie laif;" towns ale, 6d., and outlands ale, 5d. the pint; tallow, 24s. the stone; candle, the "rag weik," 1s. 8d., and the "hard weik," 1s. 7d. the pound. "And anent the rest of the statutes, gevis power and commissioun to the bailies, or any fyve or sex of the counsall, to revew the awld statutes and to set furth sic statutes as thai sall fynd meitt and expedient to be proclamet and publist."] Statutes.

26 *October* 1584.

Precept, toun of Dysart.

The bailyeis [and council] vnderstanding be report of William Fairlie and Jhonn Watt, quha wes direct to visie the toun of Dysart, infectet with the pestilence, that the inhabitants of the said burgh standis in neid and requyris to be helpit with [*blank*] chalders meill, twenty stayne of butter, and half ane last of saip, and hes delyuerit to the said persouns ane obligatioun of certane substantious men of the said toun for payment of the pryces thairof with the chairges and expenssis of the sam, thairfore ordanis James Ros to prepair and by the said guidis, to putt the meill in barrellis and half barrellis of new treis and the saip to be in barrekins to be sent with the said butter to the said toun, be sic as sall be appoyntet thairto be the counsall, and to fynd ane boit for transporting thairof, and mak the chairges and expenssis of the sam, and the said bailyeis and counsall sall caus the sam to be refoundet and payet to the said thesaurer.

28 *October* 1584.

Watter bailyie, bluid-wytes in Leyth.

Fyndes and decernis that the vnlawes of all bluids committet vpoun the schoir of Leyth and passages thairof sall in all tyme cuming pertene to the guid toun, to be vset and disponet at thair plesour, lyke as thai haif done in all tymes bygane, and that the watter bailyie hes nathing to do thairwith except at the discretioun of the counsall vpoun his guid behaviour and seruice.

Seill of caus, seill of Leyth.

Alexander Clark of Balbirnie, awld provest, exhibet and producet the touns seill of caus, with thair commoun seill of Leyth, quhilk wes delyuerit to ane nobill lord, Lord James, Erle of Arrane, provest, be richt of his office, and his lordship delyuerit the sam in keping to William Stewart, younger, clerk depute.

Eldares, deaconis.

Ordanis the gild officer to pas and warne the elders and deaconis of the kirk, electet be the provest, bailyeis, counsell and deakins, to compeir on Sonday nixt before none in the kirk and place vset and wont and accept the said office vpoun thame.

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Appoyntis Henry Nesbet, [and six others,] to speik with maister Patrik Kenlwy, minister of Linlythqw, to remayne heir and occupe the place of ane minister within the kirk of this burgh, and to feill his mynd vpoun quhat conditiouns he will do the samyn. Commissio, anent Kenlwy, minister.

Gevis power and commissioun to Henrie Nesbet, [and seven others,] to convene and confer with maister Robert Rollok, maister of the college, for taking vp ane howse and tabill in the said college, and Henry Nesbet to convene the said persouns. Commissio, college.

Ordanis the lettres and proclamatioun vnderwrittin, publist at the mercatt croce of this burgh, to be insert and registratt in this present buik, *ad futuram rei memoriam*, quhairof the tenour followes: JAMES, be the grace of God, King of Scottis, to oure louits Richer Bynning, [*blank*], messingers, oure schereffs in that pairt, coniunctlie and seuerallie, speciallie constitut, greiting: Forswamekill as we, at the pleasure of Almichtie God, after the mony disordouris and rebellious falling owtt in our realme during oure young aige, hes at last reduceit our cuntrie to our obedience, mynding to prefer oure loving and faythfull subiects to justice and quietnes, and for that effect the rather to retene our awin hous, court, and cumpany, in ane moderatt maner and small nummer, foirbering the frequent convening of our nobilitie and vtheris, for the inconvenient that micht grow be pestilence now spred in sindrie pairts of our realme, gif ony greitt number suld be convocat furth of all pairts, and that the samin may be the rather spairet hes purposelie drawin our selffis to remayne this winter tyme approcheing in our palaice of Halyruidhous ewest our principall burgh and palaice of justice, reposing a speciall trust in the loyaltie, cair, and vigilance of our faythfull subiects, inhabitants thairof, the Cannogaitt and vthers suburbes of the samyn; quhairfore, and to the effect that thai may be the mair reddie for the defence, saifgaird and preseruatioun of our maist nobill persoun aganis quhatsumeuir attemptates or surpryses of our rebellious and wikket subiects or vtheris that in the tyme of our quyetnes may presume to tak occasioun to execut thair mischeiffs, our will is heirfore, and we chairge yow straitlie and Kingis grace proclamatioun.

Kingis grace proclamatioun.

commandis, that incontinent thir our lettres sene ye pas to the mercat croce of Edinburgh, the Cannogaitt, and thair be oppin proclamatioun, in our name and authoritie, command and chairge all and sindrie oure lieges our inhabitants of our burgh of Edinburgh, the Cannogaitt and vthers suburbes of the samyn, that thai and euerie ane of thame, without exemptioun and distinctioun of persouns inrespect of ony estaitt, priuelege, or exemptioun clamet or vset be ony of thame in tyme bygane, addres thameselffis boddin in maist weirlyke maner, to repair with all possibill diligence as thai sall be aduertist be proclamatioun, schott of cannoun or ringing of the commoun bell of Edinburgh, to repair toward our maist nobill persoun, for defence and preseruatioun thairof and persuitt of our traitouris, rebellis, or vtheris quhatsumeuir that sall happin to attempt ony violence to the offence of ws, our counsale, houshald, or cumpanie, vnder the payne of tynsall of lyfe, lands and guids; certefeing thame that salhappin to be remis or negligent in the premissis, thair bodeis sall be execut to the deid and thair guids presentlie escheittet for thair contempt and rebellioun; as ye will answer to ws thairvpoun. The quhilk to do, we committ to yow coniunctlie and seuerallie our full power be thir our lettres, delyuering thame be yow dewlie execute and indorsatt agane to the berer. Gevin vnder our signet at Halyruidhous, the xxvj of October and of our regne the sevintein yeir, 1584. *Per actum secreti consilij.*

4 *November* 1584.

Commissio, anent the kirk.

Appoyntis, nominats and ordanis Henry Nesbet and William Harvie, bailyies, Nicoll Vddert, William Fairlie, Jhonn Watt, George Smyth, of the counsall, to awaitt, assist, convene and concur with the ministers, elders, and deaconis of the kirk in thair conventiouns on the Thurisday owlklie, and vther thair effaires, the said bailyeis assistand for the space of sex monethis nixtocum, and thairafter William Nesbet and James Nicoll for vther sex monethis.

6 *November* 1584.

Division of the toun in thretteis, commanders.

The ordour of diuisioun of the quarteris of the toun in thretteis and chesing of the commanders ower thame, sett doun and putt in writt be

the persouns nominat thairto, conform to the act maid the xxiij of October instant, and sene and allowet be the Kings Maiestie and lordis of secreitt counsell, being exhibit and producet, thay ratefeit and approvet the samyn, and ordanet the said ordour and writt thairof to be insert and registrat in this present buik and to be putt to executioun obseruet and obeyet in tyme cuming. Off the quhilk ordour the tenour followes :—The names of the commanderis of the nichtlie watche of the toun of Edinburgh vnder my lord provest and baillies as followes. [For the north-west quarter seven merchants and seven craftsmen; for north-east quarter, six of each; for south-east quarter, ten of each; and for south-west quarter, twelve of each.]

Division of the toun in threttis, commanders.

This ordour sene and approuit be his Maiestie and lords of secreitt counsell. It is his hienes expres will and commandiment that the maisteris of watches accept the said office vpoun thame and that the members committet to ilk ane of thame rander to thame reddie and afawld obedience, be nicht or day, as the necessitie of his Maiesteis seruice sall requyre and thair toun or as the maiestrats sall appoynt and gif wairning to thame publictlie be schott of ordinance, commoun bell, or drum, or be privie aduerteisment be the officers of ilk quarter to the maisteris of watches or vther privie intelligences, quhairby thai sall be aduertist be the provest and bailyeis or sic as thai send. And that amangs the clerks and lawiers maisters ower members of threttie be appoyntet in lyke maner to be reddie as his Maiesteis seruice sall craif or the weill of this toun of Edinburgh, vnder the paynis contenit in his Maiesteis lait proclamatioun. Subscryuet be his Maiestie and lords of secreitt counsale at [*blank*]. *Et sic subscribitur:* JAMES R., P. GRAY, JAMES STEWART.

James Cowdane and Archibald Inglis, beand callit and accuset for breking of the staipill of our natioun placet at the toun of Campheir in Zeland, in passing with thair staipill guidis and wairis to vther pairts, contrair the mutuall contract betuix the burrowes and the said toun, the said James Coldane confest that his seruands and guids wes direct anes euerie yeir thir twa yeir be him to Ansterdame to mak merket of braid quhyte wobbis and sum schoirling skynnis. Siclyke the said Archibald

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confest that he sawld ane hundreth wecht of hairt hornis in Ansterdame this yeir, and his brother Thomas Inglis certane braid quhytes and William Chaip certane quhyte wobs. For the quhilk caus the said James and Archibald wer adiugeit euery ane of thame in ane vnlaw of ten punds and ordanet nocht to do the lyke heirafter vnder the payne of j^c li.

Statute, staipill in the Campheir.

Forswamekill as the burrows of this realm in the moneth of October j^m v^c lxxviij, be thair commissioner direct to the toun of Campheir in Zeland, agreit with the maiestrats of the said toun vpoun dyuers heids and articles tending to the weill of the said burrowes for remitting and continewing of the stapill of this natioun in the said toun as it wes before the laitt trubles, and be contract passet thairvpoun betuix the said commissioner and the conseruatour on the ane pairt and the maiestrats of the said toun on the vther pairt promist that na schips suld pas to ony vther port or heavin in Flanders with thair staipill guides, yitt dyuers personis of this burgh hes laitlie contrauenit the said appoyntment and past with thair guidis and schips to Ansterdam and vther pairts of the Law Cuntreyes without ane lawfull cause gevin and tryet and befor ane renunciatioun maid be commoun consent of the said contract, to the greitt dishonour and preiudice of thair estait; thairfore statutes and ordanes, and als inhibits and discharges all merchants, skippers, and mariners within the fredome and jurisdictioun of this burgh in ony tyme cuming, to pas with thair schips, laid and charget with staipill gudis, to ony vther port or heavin within the said Law Cuntreyis, bot that thai frequent and resort to the said toun of Campheir allanerlie swa lang as na vther ordour is tane be commone consent of the burrowes, vnder the payne of ane hundreth punds to be payet be the saidis merchants and skipperis and mariners and euerie ane of thame swa oft as thai failye, to be applyet to the vse of the toun. And ordanis publicatioun to be maid heirof that nane pretend ignorance.

Commissio anent Quenisferrie.

Appoyntes Androw Sclater and Jhonn Bannatyne to pas to the Quenisferrie, in name of the toun, with the Kings grace commissioners, for taking ordour with the ferrie boits passand thair according to the Kingis Graces ordinance and proclamatioun.

Ordanis Jhonn Broun, collectour of the kirkrent of this burgh, to pay to Gilbert McQuhirrie the sowm of twenty pund for the chairges and expenssis of maister Patrik Kenlwie, minister of Lynlythqw, at bed and buird induring his remayning of laitt with the said Gilbert be the space of xx dayes. Precept, collectour, McQuhirrie.

9 *November* 1584.

Ordanis lettres missiues to be obtenit of the Kings Maiestie, direct to maister James Balfour, minister at the kirk of Edsie in Angus, and to maister James Hammiltoun, minister at the kirk of Kenmwre in the westland, to repair to this burgh for gevin ane proof of thair doctryne. Ministers.

11 *November* 1584.

[Ordained that an agreement be come to "with the minister of Lythgow anent his stipend and remaning within this burgh," and "in the meyntyme grantes that the said minister sall place himselff quhair he pleissis at bed and buird, on the touns expenssis." Also, ordained that James Hammiltoun be asked to "remayne quhill thai haif yitt forther pruif of his doctryne."] Commissio, ministers.

Fynds that ane bailyie, with the dene of gild or ony awcht of the counsell, may convene and decyde vpoun all contrauerseis of nychtbourheids vpoun the grund of the lands, and gif neid beis gevis vnto thame thair full power and commissioun thairto. Commissio, nichtbourheids.

In presens of ane nobill and mychtie lord, James erle of Arrane lord Avon and Hammiltoun, chancellare of this realme, provest of the said burgh, and of the bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsell and deykins, being convenit to consult vpoun the commoun effairis of the said burgh, comperit Alexander Owsteane, deykin of the tailyeouris of the samyn, and the said George Smyth, James Nicolsoun, Patrik Sandelands, Jhonn Murdow, Jhonn Young, Androw Cairnie, Nicoll Rynd, eldare, tailyeours, friemen of the said craft and burgessis of the said burgh, quha for thame selffis and in name and behalff of thair remanent brether, burgessis and friemen, exhibit and produceit dyuers heids and articles concerning thair said craft, desyring the said bailyeis, counsall and deykins, to interpone thair decreitt and authoritie thairinto. Quhilk heids and articles beand red and considerit, and the said bailyeis and counsall after lang Statute, tailyeouris.

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and sufficient resoning being thairwith rypelie avyset, all in ane voice admittet, ratefeit, and apprevit the heids and articles vnderwrittin, as tending to the weill of the said brether and all our Souerane Lords lieges and agreand to all guid lawes, ordour and policie; and thairfore hes interponet, and be thir presents interponis thair authoritie thairto; decerning and ordaning the samyn to be inuiolablie obeyet, kepet, and obseruet as perpetuall lawis in all tymes cuming amangs the present brether of the said craft and thair successoures and vtheris, burgessis, fremen, indwelleris of the said burgh, and all vtheris repayring and remaning within the samyn, vnder the paynis contenit thairinto. Followis the saidis heids and articles:—In the first. Forswamekill as it is complenit be the said deykin and brether that thai ar heavelie hurt and damnefeit be ane greit number of vnfremen dwelland within this burgh, als weill mareit as vnmareit, quha ar nawayes vnder subiectioun of ony maisteris nor yitt subiect to ony stenting, watcheing, wairding, or vther portabill chairges with the friemen of the said craft, bot levis licentiouslie and workis all maner of wark that thai may purches in priuie howssis, lofts and chalmeris, and takkis payment thairfore as thai wer admittet to thair friedome, and thairby hinders and preiuges the frie brether of the said craft quha ar subiect to all portabill chairges of thair commoditie and proffeitt; for remeid thairfore that gif onie sic vnfrie persouns of the said craft quha makis daylie residence within the toun beis apprehendit within this burgh, ather vpoun the Hie gaitt, privie howssis, loftis, chalmeris or vther streittis in tyme cuming, nocht subiect to ane frie maister aither for meitt, fie, or owlklie waige, and his conditioun of seruice maid before the deykin and foure maisteris, that thai sall be tayne and put in waird quhaireuir thay may be apprehendit, and gif thai be ony sic houssis that officeris of this burgh mak oppin durris quhill thai be apprehendit and mak payment of the sowm of fourtie schillings als oft as thai be apprehendit furth of the seruice of ane frie maister, viz., the twa pairt of the said sowm to the vse of the hospitall and the thrid pairt to the apprehendaris at the distributioun of the said deykin and maisteris being for the tyme. *Item*, Becaus the said deikin and brethir complenit that thai ar havelie hurt and damnefeit be sindrie persouns of the said

craft nocht beand friemen of this burgh duelland in the Cannogait, Potterraw, and West Port, and vther suburbs of the said burgh, quha daylie cumis within the fredome of the samyn and takis furth wark, schaipin and vnschaipin, pertening to the burgessis and friemen of this burgh, and wirkis the samyn in thair awin fredomis, and thairafter inbringis the said wark agane to this burgh to the awner thairof and takis thair pryce thairfore, and thairby also grittumlie hurtis the said deykin and brether of thair commoditie and proffeitt quhilk thai wald obtene of the said wark gif thai wer stoppet to vsurp thair fredome and libertie; for remeid thairof, the said provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins, hes statute and ordanit that gif ony sic vnfrie persouns dwelland owtwith the said fredome, nocht beand bugessis and friemen of the samyn burgh, beis apprehendit with ony sic wark in tyme cuming, ather schaipin or vnschaipin, in the owttaking or inbringing within this burgh, that it sall be lesum to the said deykin and maisteris, or ony of thame, with the concurrance of ane officer, to tak and intromett with the said wark fra the haver thairof quhaireuir the sam may be apprehendit within the fredome of this burgh, and to keip and retene the samyn quhill payment be maid of the soum of fourtie schillings be the warkmen that wirkis sic wark and as thai be fund and apprehendit committing the said falt, the twa pairt of the said sowmes to the vse of the hospitalitie and the thrid pairt to the apprehendaris at the distributioun of the said deykin and maisteris being for the tyme. *Item*, Becaus the said deykin and brether havelie complenis that thai ar grittumlie hurt of thair commoditie and proffeit be sindrie of thair awin brethrein, burgessis and friemen of this burgh, quha vnder cullour and pretence of ane seruand takis, resavis and resettis, within thair buithis, vnfriemen, nather being thair seruands nor prenteissis, and sufferris and permittis thame to wirk and inbring within thair buithis to thair awin behuiff and profeitt all maner of wark that thai may purches and obtene and to tak pryce thairfore and to dispone thairvpoun at thair plesure and to vse all vther liberteis of the said craft as the said frie maister micht do himselff, for granting of the quhilk pretendit libertie the said vnfrie personis ar bund and oblist for payment to the maisteris of craft that resettis and resauis thame of ane certane sowm of money, to the

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greitt abuse of the said craft and preiudice of the liberteis of the samyn; for remeid quhairof the said provest, bailyeis, counsall, and deykins of craftis, hes statute and ordanit that na frie maister of the said craft sall be sufferit to hald, resett, nor resaue ony sic vnfrie persouns to wirk within thair buithis in tyme cuming, nor yitt to hald nor resaue any seruand of the said craft in thair seruice without he be bund for certane yeiris to remayne in his said maisteris seruice for meitt and fie as his maister and he can agrie, and the condition of seruice to be maid before the said deykin and foure sworne fey maisters being for the tyme; and gif it be fund verefeit and provin that ony frie maister of the said craft sall happin to do in the contrare, or that the said maister and seruand sall happin to mak any collusioun betuix thame to the hurt of the said craft, vtherwayis nor beis in thair appoyntment to be maid before the said deykin and brether, the said maister and seruand sall pay euerie ane of thame swa oft as thai failyie heirin the sowm of fourty schillings money, the twa pairt to the hospitalitie and the thrid thairof to the apprehenderis at the sicht and distributioun of the said deykin and brether. *Item*, To the effect that the nichtbouris of this burgh be nocht hurt nor preiugeit be debarring of the vnfriemen to mak or mend thair claythis in thair howssis, it is thairfore agreit, statute and ordanet, that the deykin and brether of the said craft sall, be thameselffis or thair seruands, mak the said nichtbouris als guid and reddie seruice within and without thair howssis as thai wer wont to haif be the said vnfriemen; and thairfore quha swa wirks thair nichtbouris claythis sall at all tymes quhen he is requyret, vpoun xxiiij houris wairning, appoint ane of his seruandis for quhome he sall ansuer to pas to the nichtbouris dwelling hous for mending and repairing of sic ornaments and clething as ar to be mendit of all sorts without exceptioun. And the said seruand to enter to wark at five houris in the morning, vngang- and owt without leiff quhill nyne houris at evin, and to haif thairfore ilk day twelf penneis and his meitt; and quhair any maister of the said occupatioun failyeis to do as said is [he] sall pay ane vnlaw of xl s. to be applyet as said is. *Item*, That na prenteis be maid frieman quhill he serue his maister fyve yeir during his prenteischip and thairafter with him or with ony vther frie maister thre yeir for meitt and fie, quhilk will mak of the

haill awcht yeiris or he be maid frie, and na vther to be made frie except he marie ane friemanis dochter of the said craft or haif bene ane prenteis as said is. *Item*, Gif any frie maister of the said craft in ony tyme heirafter sall happin to procure in favouris of ony prenteis or seruand to be maid frieman of the said craft after the owtrynning of his prenteisschip or of his seruice, without the said prenteis haif seruet ane frie maister of this burgh thre yeiris after the owtrynning of his prenteisschip for meitt and fie, or that the said seruand that beis procureit and requeistet for haif mareit or is to marie ane friemanis dochter of the said craft, the said maister or maisters that sall mak the said requeist or procuratioun sall pay thairfore the sowm of ten pund money to be bestowet to the puir at the discretioun of the counsall. *Fynallie*, Quhen any difference sall aryse betuix ane of the nichtbouris of the toun and ane frieman of the said craft anent the pryce of anye maid wark, or vpoun the insufficiencie of the warkmanschip, or vpoun any fraude or deceitt committet, bayth the said pairteis sall abyde and vnderly the tryell and inquisitioun and als fulfill the jugement and will of ane bailyie, the deykin of the craft, with twa of the counsall of the towne, the ane beand ane merchant the vther ane craftisman, to be chosin be the said bailyie. And for the mair securitie, fayth, and authoritie to be gevin heirto, ordanis the seill of caus of the said burgh to be appendet to the extract of this present act and ordinance, to be subscryuet be the provest and bailyeis and be thair commoun clerk.

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The bailyeis, [council, and deacons of crafts,] fynds expedient ane certane of thair number pas to my lord provest and desyre his lordschip to travell with the Kings grace and concur with the toun that maister Jhonn Craig, ane of his Graces ministers, may assist the kirk of this burgh at sic tymes as his Maiestie may spair him, and for doing heirof gevis power and commissioun to James Nicoll [and five others].

Commissio anent Mr. Jhonn Craig, minister.

Appoyntis Dauid Williamsoun [and seven others] to speik my lord provest for hame bringing of Jhonn Cairnis, minister, and ordanis Henry Nesbet, bailyie, to assist and concur heirinto.

Anent Jhonn Cairnis, minister.

Statute, quarriouris, mylne staynis.

Forswamekill as the quarriouris of thair commoun mwre in tyme [bypast,] in the wynning and making of the mylne staynis in the said mure, hes frawdfullie cutt and brek down the said staynis to the proportioun and mesour of the owtland mylnis, for the quhilk thai resauet greitt and lairge commoditie, and in the meyne time the towne mylnis wes swa disappoyntet that the thesaurer culd gett na staynis to serue the sam; for remeid quhairof it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanet, that na mylne stanes, of quhat quantitie soeuir the sam be quhilk sall be win and maid in the said mwre, be disponet or sawld be the said quarriouris to ony maner of persoun bot to the towns thesaurer present and to cum allanerlie and to na vther, and the said thesaurer to serue the cuntrey with sic as ar nocht meitt nor convenient for the town mylnis, and to be comptabill to the guid toun for the wynning and avantage thairof to the townis vse in respect that the grund pertenis to the guid town, and gif ony of the said staynis beis sawld and disponet be the said quarriouris to ony vthers that thai be baneist the said mwre induring the townis will; for the quhilk caus thai ordane thair said thesaureris to pay and delyuer to the said quarriouris for ilk stayne win and wrocht be thame, beand of five fute and ane half of breid, twelf inche in the eye and ten inche in the hem, the sowm of fourty sex schillings aucht penneis for thair lawbour, and gif the said quarriouris cairts the sam to haif fourtie penneis mair of the peice, and for the secundare staynes within the quantitie foresaid that thai be satisfeit and payet be said thesaurer at the discretioun of ane bailyie, with the dene of gild, thesaurer, and Jhonn Watt, smyth.

Statute, probatioun of crymes.

Vnderstanding that diuerssis persouns quha hes passit vpoun assyssis, be wilfulnes and ignorance, and sumtymes be collusioun and favour, hes purget and clengeit syndrie persouns quha hes bene notories criminall and giltie, quhairby the toun hes bene defrawdet of thair vnlawes and sic evill persouns and vthers be thair exampill hes tayne occasioun to continew in thair wikketnes; for remeid quhairof it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanet, that all crymes of trublance, straiks, drawing of wawpouns and of bluid, quhair na mutilatioun, demembring, nor deyth hes followet, and sielyke all contraventiouns and brekking of the townis statutes and lawes

sall at the instance of the townis collectouris of the vnlawes be summerlie tryet fra thine furth be the probatioun of twa or thre honest witnessis, and the sam being sufficientlie verefeit and provein, the offendouris to be vnlawet and pvneisset in thair bodeis and guidis as gif thai had bene putt to ane assyse and thairby convict of the offence. Statute, probatioun of crymes.

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For thair better convening in ane mair full number in tyme cuming nor thai haif done in tymes bipast, hes thocht expedient, statute and ordanet that the haill counsall vpoun the ordinare dayes sall be present in the counsalhous before the ceissing of the bell, and the personis absent at the stayncheing thairof to pay to the boxe xviij d., ilk persoun, thay that ar absent at x houris to pay twa schillings, at xj houris iij s., and the haill day v s. Statute, counsall convening.

Vnderstanding that certane evill persouns hes lattin furth the Sowth Loch at thair awin hands, to the hurt and preiudice of the toun, thairfore ordanes the haill nychtboures of the towne to be wairnet be thame selffis or thair seruands to convene this day at xij houris with mattokis and schules to pas and fill vp the dam thairof. South Loch close.

Gevis power and commissioun to the bailyeis [and five others] to visy the townes statutes quhilk wes maid and proclamet the last yeir, and to augment, diminische, or correct the sam as sall be maist meitt to be proclamet this present yeir. Proclamatio, statutes.

The foresaid bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and ane pairt of the counsall, being convenet at afternone, ordanis James Nicoll, the thesaurer, Thomas Myller, George Hereott, Dauid Williamsoun, to pas to maister James Hammiltoun, minister, and requyre him to remayne and continew in his teacheing for the space of awcht dayes. Siclyke, gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, to intreatt with maister Robert Pont, provest of the Trinitie College, for demitting the same in favouris of the toun. Commissio, Hammiltoun, Pont.

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Fynds expedient, yitt as of before, to intreat and deale with maister James Hamiltoun, minister of [Kenmwre,] to come and remayne Commissio, anent Hammiltoun, minister.

Hammiltoun, minister.

within this burgh and occupie the place of ane minister thairof, inrespect that the towne is alluterlie destitute of pastouris at this present.

Precept, thesaurer, toun wall.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to big vp the hoill in the toun wall and Robert Watsouns yaird heid, and to mend the wall heids that boyes rin nocht alangs the sam.

Bigging of the Nether Bow.

In consideratioun of the present estaitt of thair Nether Bow and apperant decay thairof, votes, condiscendis and agreis that the sam be vpbiggett with expeditioun the narrest way that can be, and gevis power and commissioun to Henrie Nesbet [and nine others] to convene, sett doun, and devyse the maist commodious forme of wark, and to consult vpoun the chairges and expenssis of the sam and to report the nixt counsall day that forther ordour may be tayne thairanent.

24 *November* 1584.

Goldsmyth chops.

Decernis the persouns vnderwrittin, occupeares of the chops about the Hie Kirk, to repair the wallis of the said kirk within the said chops in sufficient aisler wark, als guid as the sam wes at the vpbigging of the said chops, and that betuix this and Yule nixt, ilk persoun vnder the payne of xx li. to be payit to the guid towne :—[here follow names.] Als, Jhonn Hunter, officer, at command of Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, wairnet the saidis persouns and Jhonn Smyth, gild officer, and Adam Craig, goldsmyth, to remove at Witsounday nixt fra the rowmes and chops occupeit be thame.

25 *November* 1584.

Scholehous bell.

The bailyeis and counsall ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus hing the scholehous bell at the vtter yett of the schole.

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Commissio, sumlyer, wyncis.

Gevis full power and commissioun to James Nicoll, bailyie, to pas with the Kings Maiesteis sumleiris to the schips, selleris, howssis, and vther places within the town of Leyth and heavin thairof quhair any new

Burdealx wyne may be had, and thair to caus the said sumlyer to be thankfully and reddily ansuerit of the best sorts thairof to his Maiesteis vse; and to that effect, gif neid beis, to mak oppin durres and to vse all executioun lawfull aganis sic persouns awneris of the saidis wynes as refussis or absents thame selflis, ay and quhill the said sumlyer be weill satisfeit and obtene delyuerance of the samyn; provyding alwayes that thai exceid nocht the number of twenty twnis of wyne, and that thai inroll the names of the awneris of the said wynes, the quantity resauet, with the pryces of the samyn, nocht exceding the pryces gevin be the towne, to be schawen and presentet immediatly to the counsall. Als, the said sumlyer gevand his handwritt that he sall resaue na vther wynes fra ony of the townis of Dundie, Perth, or Abirdene. And thairfore the said bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer and counsall, be thir presents, bynds and oblissis thame and thair successoures to mak the said merchants, awneris of the said wynes, guid and thankfull payment of thair said wynes as sall be convenit and agreit with thame be the said bailyie and sumlyer, the first and reddiest payment to thame that sall mak maist willing and thankfull delyuerance. Commissio, sumlyer, wyneis.

Gevis commissioun to Henrie Nesbet, bailyie, William Fairlie, Alexander Owsteane, to confer and intreatt of new with maister Robert Pont for his rycht of the provestrie of the Trinitie College and to sie quhow resonablie thai can agrie with him for ane yeirlie dewtie to be payet to him be the guid toun or thair thesaureris, swa suir as he can devyse, and to report agane Wedinsday. Commissio anent Pont, Trinity College.

Grantis and consents to gif to Cudbert Sandersoun, maister of schole, the soum of fourty pund yeirlie for his stipend as reder in the Hie Kirk of this burgh, during his seruice in the said office of ane redare, begynning the first terme at Mairtymes last. Siclyk, ordanis the said Cudbert to be plaicet in the hous sumtyme occupeit be Jhonn Cairnis, minister, induring the townis will. Sandersoun, reidare.

Inrespect the wester mylnes ar habill to decay as ruinous, and that twa vther mylnes may be commodiouslie bigget in the sam rowme; as alswa, considering the necesssitie of bigging of the dam heid, and for vther caussis moving thame, thairfor fynds it maist expedient that the Precept, thesaurer, mylnis, dam heid.

Precept, thesaurer, mylnis, dam heid.

said twa new mylnis sall be bigget within the said wester mylnes, by the vther twa awld mylnis, and that the said dam heid be substantiouslie maid of aisler wark; and ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to mak preparatioun of materialles for the said wark and to enter and begyn the sam at the first convenient seasoun.

Aberdene. girnell guidis.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, at the arryving ot ony girnell guids pertening to the inhabitants of Abirdene, to vse thame in thair customes and vtherwayes as thai haif done the nychtbouris of this burgh.

Statute, wobsteris, walkeris.

The foresaid bailyeis, counsall, and deykins of craftis: Forswamekill as the deykin and brether of the wobsteris and walkeris of this burgh havelie lamentit and complenit that thai beand burgessis of the said burgh and friemen of thair craftis, watcheing, wairding, and bering all portabill chairges within the samyn, and lykewayes habill to serue all oure Souerane Lordis lieges thairof in all poynts belanging to thair occupatiouns, als weill and easelie bayth in wark and pryce as any vtheris withint his realme having the lyke cair, burding and chairges. Nochtheles the haill inhabitants of this burgh, at the leist the maist pairt, movet be solistatioun, acquentance, and dyuers vther meanis and wayis vnknawin to the said brether, daylie puts thair wark in the hands of the vnfriemen dwelland to landward and in the suburbs of this burgh, personis be that way greitlie incressis in number and substance, leving in all securitie frie from ony burding and subiectioun of lawis, quha fynding sic immunitie as na frie burges can haif ar gadderit from all pairts, reteiring thameselffis furth of the jurisdictioun of frie burghs at thair verray durris, eitting thair breid furth of thair mowthis, and now hes begun to tak prenteissis, cheise deykins and quarter maisteris, mak contributiouns, and swa erect ane monopole amangs thameselffis, doing all things and mair than to ony frieman is lesum and tolerabill to do, contrair the ancient lawis of the realme and priuilege of burrowis, and to the greitt hurt and preiudice of the said friemen quha ar alluterlie decayet in thair number and depauperat in substance and na mair habill to beir burdein within the toun bot will be constraynet to withdraw thame selffis and with tyme to adioyne to the said vnfriemen. And albeit the exampill of this evill and dayngerous preparatiue be begun at

thame, yitt it is apperand nocht to end schortlie, bot with continuall consuetude growing in ane law is habill to pas throw all sorts and degreis within the burgh, bayth merchants and craftismen, and swa at lenth to bring the estaitt of burrowis in ane confusioun, and last to ane vter decay and subuersioun gif this owersicht and negligence be nocht preventit in tyme, ather be seiking redres in parliament, be putting the ancient lawis and liberteis of burgh to spedie executioun, or ellis be inhibiting sic persouns within the burgh on quhome the jurisdictioun thairof cheiflie hes place to gif occasioun of swa greitt inconvenients, with scherp executioun and pvnisement to be vset vpoun the doares thairof. With the quhilk the said bailyeis, counsall and deykins, being rypelie avyset, and fynding the sam to be of veritie, thairfore, at this present quhill farther remeid may be had and provydet thairto, hes thocht expedient, statute, and ordanet that na maner of persouns, burgessis and indwellers of this burgh, be thame selffis, thair wyffis, seruandis, or vtheris in thair names in tyme cuming, tak vpoun hand to carie, send, or delyuer thair yairne, clayth, webbis, or vther stufe belanging to the said occupatiouns, to be wrocht, maid, or dressit be ony wobsteris or walkeris, vnfriemen, dwelland within the Cannogaitt, Potterraw, owtwith the West Port, and in the suburbs of this burgh, or within halff ane myle to the toun wallis, inhibiting and dischairgeing thame of the samyn be thir presents, vnder the payne of escheitt of the said stufe quheneuir the samyn sall be apprehendit passand to the saidis plaices or cumand fra the samyn, the twa pairt thairof to the hospitall and puir and the thrid to the apprehendares. And to the effect that the nichtbouris of this burgh may be the better movet to put thair wark in the hands of the friemen of the said craft and na vtheris, it is lykewayes statute and ordanit that gif thair wark and stufe sall be misuset and spilt, or yitt retardit and haldin bak and nocht depescheit and wrocht with all possibill diligence, in that case the deykin and quartermaisters of the wobsters, coniunctlie and seuerallie, for thair craft, and thair successouris respectiue, sall refound, content, and pay to the awneris of the said stufe all damnage and entres to be sustenit be thame thairthrow and mak satisfactioun and contentatioun to the said saidis awneris for thair

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slak seruice, besyde ane vnlaw to the toun and puir at the arbitrament, sicht, and discretioun of ane bailyie or any aucht of the counsall, quhais will and jugement thai sall vnderly and fulfill bot ony proces of law quhidder the principall offender be callit and convict or nocht. And Johnn Moyses, deykin of the walkeris, and William Cowts, Jhonn Fairlie, William Robesoun, Gilbert Eddislaw, Leonard Phillip, quarter maisteris thairof, and Jhonn Stevinsoun, deykin of the wobsteris, Leonard Thomesoun, Thomas Wicht, Rychart Dalgleische, James Melros, quarter maisteris of the samyn, comperand personallie for thame selffis and thair successouris deykins and quarter maisteris of thair said crafts, agreit and consentit heirto and oblist thame respectiue coniunctlie and seuerallie and thair foresaids for obseruing, keping, and fulfilling heirof in maner abone writtin. And the said bailyeis, counsall and deykins ordanet publicatioun to be maid of this present act and ordinance that nane pretend ignorance of the samyn.

Hammiltoun, minister.

The foresaid bailyeis, counsall, and deykins, on the ane pairt, and maister James Hammiltoun, minister, on the vther pairt, appoyntet and agreit in maner, forme, and effect as after followis, that is to say, the said maister James sall vse and exerce the office of ane minister within the said burgh faythfullie and diligentlie in teacheing of the word of God, ministratioun of the sacraments, and in all vther things belanging to the said vocatioun swa lang as he and the guid towne can agrie in God; for the quhilk caus, the said bailyeis, counsall and deykins, binds and oblissis thame and thair successouris, be thame selffis, thair thesaureris and collectouris of the kirkrent, as the said maister James sall think expedient, to thankfullie content and pay to him the sowme of thre hundreth merks yeirlie induring his said seruice, and sall caus thair said thesaureris or collectouris present and to cum to become dettouris to him for the samyn. And siclyke, the said bailyeis, counsall, and deykins, for thame selffis and thair foresaids, hes grantet and gevin to the said maister James the occupatioun and inhabitatioun of the dwelling hous sumtyme occupeit be Jhonn Dury, minister, or the hous sumtyme occupeit be maister Walter Balcanquell, minister, quhilk of thame the said maister James plesis to accept, induring the said seruice in the

ministrie within the said burgh, with all vther commoditeis and easements belanging to ane of the saidis howssis. Hamilltoun, minister.

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Comperit [*blank*] Levingstoun of Kilsyth, younger, and Antonet de Bord, his spous, and maid and constitut Capitane Alexander Muir, ane of the archers of the King of France gaird, thair procuratour for making of homage for certane lands in France and for intrometting with certane thair fermes and dewteis. Testimoniall, Levingstoun.

4 *December* 1584.

Ordanis Jhonn Watt and James Merchell, collectouris, to pay to Bessie Flemyng, quha is puir and hes her leg brokin, the sowm of twenty schilling; and in consideratioun of the guid report maid of William Gibsoun, flescheour, of his hasard and seruice in quenching the suddane fyre raiset in Peblis Wynd, thairfor to pay to him threttie schillings. Precept, collectouris, Flemyng, Gibsoun.

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Forswamekill as thair is dyuers acts and statutis of this burgh dischairging any hedder staks to be maid and bigget in publict vinellis, howssis, or closes, or neir to ony biggett land, quhilk hes nocht bene putt to executioun, quhairby the toun hes bene putt at sindrie tymes in daynger of byrning, and namelie be the hedder stak quhilk wes sett on fyre in Peblis Wynd vpoun the secund of this instant, vnder nycht; thairfore, to aschew the lyke inconvenients and dayngeris in tyme cuming, statutes and ordanis that all baxteris, maltmen, and vtheris quha hes any staks of hedder, brome, cuttings of treyis, tar barrellis, burnewod, peitts, or siclyke stufe, to be fyre in thair oynis or killis, now presentlie standand in thair howsses, yairds, vinellis or clossis, neir to any biggett land, or standand in quhatsumeuer dayngerous place, that thai remoue and tak the sam away betuix this and Setterday at evin nixttocum, but langer delay, and caus the sam be biggett, maid, and plaiceit at the Grayfreir port, yairds of the Blakfreiris, or at the North Loch, ilk persoun vnder the payne of xx li. and confiscatioun of the Statute, hedder staks.

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said stufe, and that na sic stufe be biggett, howset, or plaicet in any vther rowme in tyme cuming vnder the payne foresaid.

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Precept, thesaurer, lokman.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to the lokman ten schillings for his guid seruice done at the executioun of Edward Henrysoun, baxter, quha wes brunt qwik; als to by and delyuer to the said lokman ane bandet staf.

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Home execut.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer . . . to send west to Stirling the legs and airmes of vmquhill Dauid Home laitlie execut.

Precept collectouris.

Ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawes, etc., to pay to the watter berers for thair seruice at the quencheing of the fyre in Peblis Wynd twenty four schillings; and that Jhonn Scott, factour to maister Robert Glen, gif thame als mekill. Item, the said collectouris to gif to twa men of . . . Ireland, the ane callit Dathens Skegins and the vther Termethius Crochure, the sowm of fyve merk for thair support; and als to caus mak and delyuer to James Mont, sangster, ane gowne and ane sark of commoun gros and stark stufe.

Commissio anent Kingorne and the ferries.

Ordanis Henrie Nesbet, baillie, and George Smyth, to assist the toun of Kingorne in thair desyre before the secreitt counsall that na passage be at the ferries except Leyth and Prettiecur, in respect the said toun offerris to ansuer for all inconvenient of pest that may cum at thair passage, the sam being grantet to thame.

Commissio anent Lord Seytoun.

Ordanis the four bailyeis [and eight others] to pas to the Lord Seytoun and desyre to knaw quhat wes done in the burrowes effairis in France, and to requyre and gett agane fra him thair writts beand in his hands.

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Taverneris.

Ordanis the dene of gild, betuix and Wednesday nixt, to close vp the tavernis, howssis and sellares, of all thame that ventis wyne and ar nocht gild brither, and that vnder the payne of xx li. to be payet be the said dene of gild gif he failyie, to be imployet to the hospitall.

Fynds that thai will nocht replege the tenants of the abbacie of Paislay frome the justice, inrespect the sam tendis onlie to the hynderance of justice, the bailyerie of the said abbacie nocht beand in the tounis hands. Tenants of Paisley repledging.

18 *December* 1584.

Ordanis William Nesbet, bailyie, to caus mak inuentour of the haill keyis, tymmer wark and skelffis, beand presentlie in the howse sumtyme occupeit be Jhonn Cairnis, minister, and caus delyuer the sam to [*blank*] Sandersoun, redare, and resaue his hand writt thairvpoun according to the said inventour. Cairnis, lugeing.

In consideratioun that the billis of the puir gevin in ilk counsall day ar sum pairt tedious and occupeis the tyme quhilk suld be imployet vpoun the wechtie effairis; thairfor appoyntis and ordanis that in euerie quarter the bailyie thairof and the collectouris of the vnlawes, with four of the counsall for ilk quarter, quhais names followes, sall tak ordour with the said puir according to thair quarters, visite and support thame according to thair neid and as the town may guidlie spair, and report the sam the nixt day, that precepts of allowance may be direct to the collectouris. [Here follow the names of those appointed.] Billis of the puir.

The foresaid bailyeis and counsall and deykins of craftis, vnderstanding that the burrowes ar addettet to the Kings Maiestie for certane yeirs to ryn in threttie twnis wyne according to the contract maid with his Maiestie concerning the customes, and that the said burrowes avanceit to his Grace ane thowsand pund, quhilk is nocht payet to thame that lent the samyn to the burrowes, for the quhilk caussis certane burrowes havand commissioun of the rest hes laitlie agreit to ane extent of [*blank*] for payment of the said dets; and in the rolles of the said extent sett furth be thame this burgh and the pendicles thairof is taxt to the sowme of sewin hundreth and twenty punds. Thairfore hes agreit, votet and ordanet, that ane extent of the said sowm be sett and rayset of the haill nychtbouris, pendicles, and vtheris that may be addettet thairin. Extent of vij^c xx li.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thane be maister Jhonn Prestoun, elder, bering in effect that be the space of fourty yeirs or thairby he Exemptioun, Prestoun.

Exemptioun, Prestoun.

hes bene continuallie exerceisit and occupeit in the commoun effairis and seruice of this guid toun, in the quhilk seruice he hes nocht onlie spendet his tyme bot also thairthrow hes loset the gritest pairt of his substance, geir and heritage, be tynsall of the quhilk things he is nocht habill to sustene sic burdein in the commoun chairges of the guid toun as he wes wont to do, and now he being ane aiget man of lxxj yeirs past may nocht in his persoun sustene the burding of walkin, watcheing, wairding, wawpounschawings, raidis, and airmeis, in the quhilk the persouns of habill men ar requisit, bot is now become swa vnabill that in his persoun he may nocht performe the samyn, and howbeit that he may be hiear powers be exemit fra sic things, likas the lawes of the cuntrie and his greitt age exemis him, yitt for his obedience and for his faythfull ayth gevin to thair wisdomes quhen he wes maid burges and gild brother that he suld nother seik nor purches lordschips nor authoritie contrair the friedome and priveleges of this burgh, he will nocht seik bot attend humelie vpoun thair wisdomes consideratioun and ansuer, quhilk he luiks for inrespect of his guid and lang seruice and for rewaird thairof; desyring thairfore that thai wald exeme him fra all watcheing, wairding, wawpounschawing and raidis and airmes, quhairin his vnhabill persoun is requisit, for all the dayes of his lyfe, quhilk he howpis sall be schort, that he being be thair wisdomes swa exemit he may remayne vnder thair wisdomes exemptioun, saifgaird and protectioun, swa that be thair refusall he be nocht compellit to seik hiear poweris. Quhilk supplicatioun beand considerit and the narratioun thairof fund and knawin to thame to be of veritie, thairfore they willinglie grantet and consentet thairto, and be thir presents, swa far as thai haif power, exemis the said maister Jhonn fra all watcheing, wairding, wawpounschawing, raides and airmeis, in his awin persoun, for all the dayes of his lyfetyme.

23 *December* 1584.

Gordoun bureit in the Hie Kirk.

For obedience of the Kings Maiesties lettre and chairge gevin to the guid toun, grantes and consents that the corps of vmquhill maister Thomas Gordoun, father brother to my Lord Huntlie, be bureit within the kirk of this burgh at the towme of the Erle of Atholl.

The sam day, statutes and ordanis that na taverneris, ventares of wyne, hald or occupie any na tavernis bot ane allanerlie, and quha presentlie hes twa or thre or ony na tavernis that thai reduce and bring the samyn to ane and close vp and dischairge the rest betuix this and Sonday nixttocum, vnder the payne of xx li. Sielyke, that thai haif na persouns to rin or vent thair wynes to thair behuif bot sic as ar thair feyet seruands remaning actuallie in thair howsis at bed and buird, vnder the payne foresaid. Attour, that nane vnfriemen quha ar nocht burges and gild brether tak vpoun hand to top, vent, or sell in smallis, ony maner of wynes fra this day furth, vnder the payne of xl li. ilk persoun, owlklie, swa oft as thai sall be fund to do the samyn; and sic as hes presentlie vsurpet the fredome of this burgh and layet in thair wynes, that thai denude thair hands thairof and sell the samyn in greitt to friemen betuix this and the first day of Januar nixttocum, but forther delay, vnder the payne of xl li. ilk persoun. And ordanis this present statute to be proclamet. Statute, taverneris.

In consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in in name of the burgh of St. Jhonestoun, visitet be God with the seiknes of the pest, desyring the townis cheratabill support to thair seik and puir, thairfore appoyntes and nominats [two persons for each of the four quarters, and other two] for the sessioun, men of law and scrybes, to pas and requyre the nychtbouris and inhabitants of this burgh for thair help and support to the said town. Collectioun for St. Jhonestoun.

Ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawes, etc., to pay Alexander Purves, walxmaker, for twa torches bocht and resauet fra him to the convoy of the provest and bailyeis fra the College at the lessouns maid thair, and that thai resave the said torches fra Alexander Bony, officer, quha hes the samyn. Precept, collectouris, torches.

25 *December* 1584.

Grantes and gevis to Andro Thomesoun the sowme of twelf schillings owlklie fra Mononday nixt induring the townis will, for his seruice to be done in haldin the maisterfull and sturdie beggaris furth of the hie streitts at all tymes. And ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawes, etc., to mak him thankfull payment thairof, quhilk sall be allowit in thair Thomesoun, precept, collectouris.

Thomesoun, precept, collectouris.

compts. And dischairges all vther feis quhilk he had of before in all tyme cuming.

30 *December* 1584.

Trinitie College, Leyth, replegiatio.

Ordanis swa monie of the inhabitants of Leyth as ar callit to ane court of the provest and prebendares of the Trinitie College to be replegeit thairfra.

Provest, wyne.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, be the avyse of James Nicoll, bailyie, to caus by ane twn of quhyte wyne and ane vther of claret, to be layet in and propynit to my lord provest as hes bene vset to be done at this tyme of yeir be the guid toun to ony nobill and greitt man berand chairge ower the toun.

1 *January* 1584-5.

Rin of the Sowth Loch.

Ordanis the thesaurer and Jhonn Watt to prepair certane flag staynis to be layet at the clowse of the Burrow Loch and to gett warkmen thairto, and that ilk bailyie send xxx persouns of his quarter to cast the eird swa that the rin be nocht lattin owt as it hes bene of before.

Librarie, Hammiltoun.

Inrespect of the obligatioun maid be the towne to the executouris of vmquhill maister Clement Littill, fynds that the buiks of the commoun librarie aucht nocht to be lent furth to ony maner of persoun, bot grantis and permitts that maister James Hammiltoun, minister, sall haif access thairto in the place appoyntet for custodie of the samyn.

4 *January* 1584-5.

Edmistoun, minister.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and ane pairt of the counsall, being convenit, in consideratioun that the toun is scant of ministers and vpoun the pruif quhilk thai haif had of the doctrine of maister Jhonn Edmistoun, minister, thai lyke weill of him and agreis that he be ane of thair ministers; and gevis commissioun to Henrie Nesbet [and four others to] intreat and agrie with him vpoun his stipend.

6 *January* 1584-5.

Harvie, travill in Leyth.

Ordanis William Harvie, bailyie, to pas to Leyth and thair to serche, seik, and apprehend Jhonn Luif, William Allane, Dauid Cant, and the rest quha wes at the tumult in Leyth yisterday, and to bring thame to waird within this burgh.

William Fairlie, merchant, resauet of the collectioun grantet to the support of St. Jhonestoun, for the sowth eist quarter lx li. viij d., for the south west iiij^{xx} li. xiij s. vj d., for the north eist xlix li., and for the north west lxxij li. iij s. Collectioun for St. Jhonestoun.

Gevis commissioun to James Nicoll [and five others] to travell with my lord provest in favouris of the maltmen of this burgh quha ar callet before the justice vpoun the acts of parliament, and to desyre that thai may be remittet to the town and ane lettre obtenit of the Kings Grace to that effect. Commissio, malt men.

Vpoun the report of the persouns nominat to confer and agrie with maister Jhonn Edmistoun, minister, vpoun his stipend for his seruice in the ministrie of this burgh, grantes and consentis to gif vnto him ane yeirlie stipend of foure hundreth merke, with the lugeing sumtyme occupeit be maister Walter Balcanquell, induring his seruice. Minister.

The foresaid bailyeis, counsall and deykins, fyndis expedient, statutes and ordanis, that nane sall be resauet gild brether within this burgh, nother the gild brether bairnis nor vthers, except thai be of honest, discreitt, and guid conversatioun, swa tryet and fund be the provest, bailyeis and counsall for the tyme, and the said gild brether bairnis and the prenteissis to friemen within this burgh being fund sic as said is sall be resauet, paying onlie the awld dewtie, that is to say the eldest lawfull sone for his gildrie threttein schilling foure penneis, the rest of the lawfull bairnis twenty schillings, having obseruet the lawes according to the act maid the 4 of August 1562, and sic as hes bene prenteissis dewlie according to the law of his gildrie ten pund, and all vtheris that sall happin to be resauet to pay the dewtie of fourtie pund to the dene of gild without preiudice of vther dewteis; and nane to be resauet gild brether in tymes cuming bot sic as sall haif the qualiteis abone writtin; and he that sall be of the merchant vocatioun sall be estemit in movebill guids worth ane thowsand merkis of frie geir, and the handie lawborer vsing his craft in movebill guidis to be estemet worth fyve hundreth merks of frie geir, by his craft; and quhatevir he be that vsis nocht the craft sall be worthe ane thowsand merk of frie movebill geir. Quhilkis haill gild brether sall be subiect to vnderly and obey the particulare Statute, gildrie.

Statute, gildrie.

lawes and statutes contenit in the forme of the gildrie sett owt be the provest, bailyies, counsall and communite.

8 *January* 1584-5.

Ministers yaird.

Ordanis Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, to caus repair the dykes of the nether yaird of the ministers lugeings with the nether kirk yaird dyke.

Dene of gilds counsall.

The foresaid bailyeis, counsall and deykins, vnderstanding that it appertenis to the dene of gild to haif ane counsall of sex persouns, thre of thame merchants and thre craftismen, conform to the decreitt arbitrall, thairfore electis and creats the persouns following to be of the said counsall, viz. Henrie Nesbet, Alexander Vddert, Dauid Williamsoun, merchants, and Alexander Owsteane, tailyeour, James Inglis, skynner, Jhonn Watt, smyth, of the craftis; and thai with the dene of gild to trye the qualeficatioun of all persouns quha ar to be admittet burgessis and gild brether, and to devyse and sett down in writt lawes and statutes for the weill of the burgessis and gild brether of this burgh to be sene and allowet be the counsall of the town, and to vplift the vnlawes and penalteis thairof, to be bestowet the ane halff be the greitt counsall of the toun and the vther half to the said gild counsall. And ordanis thame to be wairnet agane the nixt counsall day to accept the said office and gif thair aythis for lawfull administratioun thairof.

13 *January* 1584-5.

Paislay.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer and maist pairt of the counsall, being convenit, hes agreit and condiscendit to pas the morn at viij houris to the abbay and to speik my lord provest concerning the abbacie of Paislay and to seik his lordschips avyse gif thai sall gif the sam ower, and that thai all convene at William Nesbetis buith, vnder the payne of xl s.

Exemptions.

Appoynts James Ros and William Fairlie to pas to Jhonn Young, writter, and caus mak ane supplicatioun to be gevin in to the secreitt counsall in the name of the town aganis the persouns quha hes exemp-

tiouns fra extents, and to present the samyn to the counsall the morne at thair passing to the Abbay. Exemptiouns.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus Michaell Crystesoun to pas to Bruntiland and thair to tak vp the names of thame that losis and laidnis at the sam, it being ane vnfrie port, and speciallie of thame that schips thair hering thair vnjadgeit at Leyth or Carraill, contrar to the acts of parliament, and present the said names before the counsall that ordour may be tayne thairwith. Losing and laidning at Bruntiland.

Ordanis the pvnscheoun of wyne tayne fra Jhonn Hog in Birsto to be delyuerit to him, he fyndand cawtioun nocht to vent any wynes thair vnder the payne of j^c li. Hog, wyne in Birsto.

Ordanis Henrie Nesbet, bailyie, with any of the counsall quhom he plesis to tak with him, to pas to Seytoun and requyre and resaue fra the Lord Seytoun or pryour of Plascardo, his brother, the writtings quhilk wes delyuerit to thair vmquhill father for his informatioun in his imbassage to France toward the effaires of the burrowes, and that lettres be direct with him to the said lordis to that effect. Nesbet, Lord Seytoun.

15 *January* 1584-5.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chairgeing all persouns that resaues any strayngeris in lugeing with thame to delyuer in writt to the bailyie of the quarter ilk nycht at 6 houris at evin the strayngers ludgeing with thame, vnder the payne of v li. ilk persoun swa oft as thai failyie. Proclamatio, hostillares, strayngeris.

Fynds that Thomas Hammiltoun of Preistisfield, burges of this burgh, dwellis to landwart, leving vpoun his awin rent thair, vsing na maner of tred nor trafficque, and hes bene stedabill to the toun in sindrie of thair effairis, thairfore grantes and consents and be thir presents declaires and ordanis that the said Thomas sall nocht be extentit with the inhabitants and nichtbouris of this burgh bott allanerlie in the extents rayset for raids and in the extents sett vpoun the lands within the burgh, dischairgeing thair extentouris present and to cum of all inrolling or extenting of him bot for the caussis foresaidis; and that inrespect the lyke benefite is grantet to Alexander Acheson of Gosfurde, Thomas Hammiltoun, extents.

Hammiltoun, extents.

Marioriebankis of Ratho, and dyuers vthers burgessis of this burgh dwelling to landwart.

Annuell to the hospitall furth of the mylnis.

The foresaidis bailyeis and counsall and James Wod, baxter, ane of the remanent deykins of crafts, vnderstanding that the ministers, eldares, and deaconis of the kirk hes in their hands the sowm of twa hundreth merks left to the puir of the hospitall be dyuers zealous godlie persouns and wald imploy the sam vpoun land or annualrent, and seing that the town hes dyuers vther sowmes gevin to the puir, thairfore amangs the rest ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to resaue the said sowme to the vse of the town, and grantis that infettment be gevin to the maisteris of the hospitall of this burgh and thair successouris imputt and electet be the town of ane annuelrent of sextein merkis to be tane furth of the commoun mylnis of this burgh and payet to the said maisteris of the hospitall and bestowet be thame vpoun the said puir, vnder reuersion alwayes, contenand the said sowm of twa hundreth merkis, to be maid to the town *in communi forma.* [The following is written on the margin.] Nota.—This tuik na effect be ressoun the kirk imployet thair money vpoun vthers.

Precept, gild, hospitall.

Ordanis Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, to caus repair the glas wyndois of the hospitall.

20 *January* 1584-5.

Heid court of Leyth.

Ordanis James Nicoll, bailyie, to pas and hald the heid court of Leyth and to caus proclamatioun to be maid wairning the inhabitants thairof to compeir and to pay thair few maillis.

22 *January* 1584-5.

Statute, speking in counsall.

Statutes and ordanis, for keiping of ane guid and decent ordour in counsall, that nane sall talk or speik bot as thai ar requyret be the moderatour, vnder the payne of viij d. ilk persoun swa oft as thai sall failyie.

Charterhous, vnfriemen, Bruntiland.

Ordanis the kepares of the keyis of the charterhous to pas and serche the townis euidents and lettres gif thai can fynd any decreits or writts aganes vnfremen or aganis thame of Leyth and Bruntisland, and to mak report thairof on Wedinsday cum aucht dayes; and in the meynetyme William Nesbet and the thesaurer to raise lettres aganis

thame quha losis and laidnis at Bruntiland, speciallie with hering and quheitt. Charterhous, vnfriemen, Bruntiland.

27 *January* 1584-5.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbet, bailyie, William Fairlie, and Jhonn Watt and Thomas Myller to speik the Kings Maiestie and my lord provest for getting of forther securitie to the town of the abbacie of Paislay or ellis to mak renunciatioun thairof, and to schaw that boits passis daylie at the Quenis Ferrie, contrair the proclamatioun, quhairby daynger of pestilence may follow, and thairfore to craif remeid thairof. Paislay, Quenis Ferrie.

Gevis and disponis, induring thair willis, to Barbara Mairtene, relict of vmquhill Thomas Penny, ringer of the bellis in the kirk, ane pensioun of fourty schillings yeirlie to be tane furth of the beidmanschip in St. Paulis Wark, vacand in thair hands be deceis of the said Thomas, last possessour thairof, inrespect the said Barbara is relict of the said vmquhill Thomas, quha wes thair commoun seruand, and befallis the sam according to the fundatioun of the said hospitall, and thairfor ordanis the maisteris and collectouris thairof to mak hir thankfull payment thairof ay and quhill thai be discharget of the samyn. Mairtene, St. Pawles werk.

3 *February* 1584-5.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] statutes and ordanis that the ayth of all burgessis to be maid in tyme cuming be consauet in forme following and inlairget with the band and obligatioun vnderwrittin, viz.:—I sall be leill and trew to our Souerane Lord and to his Hienes successoures, to the provest and bailyeis of this burgh. I sall vnderly and keip the lawis and statutes of this burgh. I sall obey the officeris of the burgh, fortefie, and menteyne thame in executioun of thair offices with my bodie and my guids. I sall nocht cullour vnfriemenis guids vnder cullour of my awin. I sall nocht purches lordschips nor authoriteis contrare the fredome of the burgh. In all taxatiouns, watcheing, wairding, and all vther chairges to be layet vpoun the burgh, I sall willinglie beir my pairt of the commoun burding thairof with the rest of the nichtbouris of the burgh as I am commandet thairto be the maiestrats and officeris of the burgh, and sall nocht purches exemptiouns Statute, ayth of burgessis.

Statute, ayth of burgessis.

privilegeis, nor immuniteis to be frie of the sam, renunceand the benefite thairof for euir. Fynallie, I sall attemp or do nathing hurtfull or preiudiciall to the libertie and commoun weill of this burgh. And swa oft as I sall brek any poynt or article heirof, I obleis me, my aires, executouris, and assignayes, to pay to the commoun warkis of this burgh the sowm of ane hundreth punds as ane interest and damnage liquidat, and sall remayne in waird quhill I mak payment of the samyn. Swa help me God, and be God him selff, etc. And ordanis the said ayth and obligatioun to be tayne and resauet of all new admittet burgessis in tyme cuming and to be insert in the gild buik, and to be obseruet and kepet and contraveneris thairof pvnist with rigour.

5 *February* 1584-5.

Statute, sermonis.

Statuts and ordanis that all persouns hant and repair to the sermouns and preicheings on Wedinsday and Fryday, steik vp thair buith durris, and that nane be fund in the tavernis or passing vp and down the streits induring the tyme thairof, vnder the payne of xviij s. the first falt, the secund xl s., and the thrid v li., and that proclamatioun heirof be maid throw this burgh.

The desperat damosell.

Ordanis William Nesbet, William Fairlie, and Jhonn Watt to pas and visie the estaitt of the damosell that wes in dispair and report the sam to the counsall.

Entres to the hie schole.

Ordanis the thesaurer and Jhonn Watt, with the procuratour fiscall, to persew the occupeares of the howssis on bayth the syde of the entres to the Hie Schole, for making candill, slaying of nolt and scheip, and raysing filth thair, contrair to the awld infeftments of the said lands and contrair to the statutes of the town.

Coist syde.

Ordanis lettres to be rayset aganes the townis on the coist syde of Fyfe, for taiking and raysing of new customes vpoun the inhabitants of this burgh for the quhilk thai haif na warrand.

Procuratour fiscall.

The foresaid bailyeis and counsall and James Wod, baxter, Cudbert Cranstoun, furrour, Jhonn Stevinsoun, wobster, of the remanent deykins of craftis, electis, creatts, and constituts maister Alexander Guthre procuratour fiscall of this burgh, induring thair willis, and disponis vnto

him all fies and casualiteis belanging thairto and dischairges thair former procuratour fiscall of his office. And ordanis the collectouris present and to cum to gif the said maister Alexander lawfull wairning xxiiij houris before the making of any billis or dittayes with sufficient informatioun agane the day appoyntet. Procuratour fiscall.

Decernis James Wod, baxter, in ane unlaw of xx s. for speiking in counsall aganis the townis acts concerning the hedder stakis, in presens of the pairteis, he beand ane of the counsall, and the said unlaw to be gevin to the puir. Wod vnlawet.

In respect of the awld and lang seruice done to the town in tyme past be Patrik Barroun, Jhonn Barroun, Alexander Cuik, and Jhonn Smyth, ordinar officeris, and that thai ar now decayet, failyeit, and nocht swa habill to do all seruice belanging to the ordinare officeris, and neuirtheles nocht willing to cast thame of in thair aige, thairfore grantis, gevis, and disponis vnto thame and euerie ane of thame, induring thair lyfetymes, ane yeirlie pensioun of aucht punds vsuall money of this realme, to be payit vnto thame be the collectouris of the vnlawes, vpsets, and owlklie penneis of the reddiest of the said collectioun . . . and incais the said collectioun be nocht sufficient ordanis the thesaureris of this burgh for the tyme to mak thame payment of the said sowm at the termes foresaidis furth of the reddiest of the commoun rents, and forther grantis and gevis licence to the said persouns to beir and vse thair halberts and exerce the office of extraordinare seruands induring the townis will, makand and constitutand thame officeris of the burgh in that pairt. Officeris, precept. collectouris.

10 *February* 1584-5.

Ordanis the bailyeis to caus vnlaw the nychtbouris quha convenit nocht yisterday in thair airmour, ilk persoun for the soum of fyve pund, and that thai be lykwayes vnlawit quha convenis nocht this day with all rigour. Vnlawes, absents in airmour.

12 *February* 1584-5.

Ordanet ane ansuer to be maid to the lettre cum fra Dundie, declairing that thai will desyr the officer to stay the executioun of his lettres for the said towns extent of the wynes quhill his bakcuming, quhilk be about xij Dundie.

Dundie.

dayes, and to desyr tham to mak him payment at that day; and als ordanis ane vther lettre to be direct to the said officer agane to that effect.

Commissio anent the maltmen, meilmen and baxteris in Leyth, customes thair.

Appoyntis and ordanis William Harvie, bailyie, the dene of gild, thesaurer, and William Fairlie, Alexander Owsteane, Jhonn Watt, Henry Blyth, to pas the morne to Leyth and call in before thame the maltmen, baxters, and meilmen of Leyth, quha laitly had particulare furlets of thair awin quhairwith thai mett thair victualls at hame, occupeis nocht the townis mesoures, nor will pay to the townis customers thair customes and mettage, and thairfore to schaw vnto thame that it is fund be the guid town that be the ancient priveleges of this burgh the towne hes had custome and mettage cummand be land to Leyth, inrespect the townis liberteis beiris that nane suld be howset in Leyth, and thairfore the sam wes presentet of awld to the Beir Hill quhair Leyth payet thair custome and mettage; and for this caus ordanis the saidis personis to intimie and decerne the said maltmen, meilmen, and baxters in Leyth to pay thair custome and mettage according to vse and wont; and forther to schaw to thame that, besyde the acts of parliament and decreitts of the lords, the town hes rycht and privelege that nane within Leyth suld baik breid, vent wyne, girnell guids, mak merchandice, nor hald buithis within Leyth, quhilk the town intendis to se be putt to executioun.

Precept, collectouris M'Calaw.

In consideratioun that Allane M'Callaw, taverner, is daylie trublit and molestit be taikin his pvnscheouns to be skaffalding, thairfore and for vther caussis moving thame ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawes, etc., to pay to him the sowm of fyve pound.

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Precept, Gourlaw, customes, wynes.

Vnderstanding that thair is ane generall precept direct be the Kings Maiesties comptroller to the takkismen of his Hienes customes and to Robert Gourlaw, generall collectour thairof, commanding thame to ansuer Jerome Bowie, sumlyer, of all wynes that he sall desyre to the Kings Maiesteis vse, and that the sam sall be allowet in the dewtie of the said customes of the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} foure scoir fyve yeir, as at lenth is contenit in the said precept of the daitt the xij of Februar instant,

thairfore ordanis the said Robert to accept and obey the samyn swa far as the said four thowsand pund will extend, and caus the said Jerome be ansueret of twelf tunis and ane halff of wynes and to be guid thairfore to the merchant bringing the said Jeromes ticquet of the precept thairof; and be vertew of the said precept to pay and satisfie William Lermonth, in St. Androis, for ane twn wyne four scoir punds, and to James Lentrone thair for half ane twn of wyne fourtie pund, tayne fra thame be the said Jerome Bowie, sumlier, to the Kings Maiesteis vse, the first yeir of the said taks, according to the foresaid precept. Precept, Gourlaw, customes, wynes.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbet, bailyie, [and seven others], to pas and visy the failyeit pairts of the kirk ruif and report the sam to the counsall that ordour may be tayne thairwith. Anent the kirk ruif.

The foresaid bailyies and counsall and [the deacons of crafts,] vnderstanding that of awld the commoun mwk gadderit in the hie streitts, vinells, and oppin closes, was rowpet and sett to the townis vse for dyners sowmes, and has bene neglectit this lang tyme bygane, thairfore ordanis the sam now to be rowpet throw the towne and sett to thame that will bid maist for the samyn, and gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet and William Fairlie to sett down the forme and ordour with the conditiouns of the setting of the samyn. Quhilkis persouns convening thairafter sett down in writt thir heids and articles concerning the said mwk, to witt:—First, that na mwk be collectet nor gadderit bot be friemen, thair wyffes or seruands, and this mwk to be onely within thair staibills, closures, and howssis, and thai to be bund to haif ane particulare closet place quhairin thai sall gadder the sam, and at the tyme and seasoun appoyntet for owtputting of the samyn it sall nocht be lesum to lay it vpoun any passage of the towne without ane speciall licence of the bailyie of the quarter, and that licence to be bot to remayne fra the sone rysing to the sone ganging to; quhateuir he be that failyeis in ony heid or article heirof sall pay xviij s. vnlaw swa oft as he failyeis. Item, that it sall nocht be lesum to na inhabiter within this burgh till gadder any kynd of mwk or fuilyie or posses or nureis swyne bot sic as sall haif the sam in tak and assedatioun of the towne, except friemen as saidis, vnder the payne of xl s. Item, that the haill mwk and fuilyie of the Anent the setting of the mwk.

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towne sall be sett to him that will gif maist thairfore (except the friemen as before is expremit) with the twa pairt of the vnlawes of sic as sall contravene the statuts of the towne anent myddings, fuilyie, closets, red, awld wallis, swyne, jurdanes, privies, and siclyk concerning the filth of the towne. Item, quhateuir he be that taks the mwk of the towne sall be subiect to clenge the haill streits twyse in the owlk and gadder his filth of the sowth syde of the gaitt to the Grayfreir port and of the north syde to the Daw Well, and gif he failyie to clenge the gaitt or lay his fuilyie in ony vther place, or beis nocht diligent in taking vp of the said vnlawis, swa that the towne may be keipet clene, sall pay ane vnlaw of xl s. swa oft as he failyeis.

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Hammiltoun, minister.

The bailyeis and counsall appoyntis James Nicoll, bailyie, Nicoll Vddert and Alexander Vddert, to pas to Mr. James Hammiltoun, minister in the westland, and to rander him thankis in name of the toun for his remaning and teacheing, and to requeist him to remayne yitt aucht dayes on the townis chairges.

Home, licence to transport heiring.

Siclyke, appoyntis William Nesbet, [and seven others,] to pas to my lord provest and schaw the inconvenients to follow vpoun the licence purchest be Frances Home to transport his heiring vnjadgeit contrair the acts of parliament and beand ane vnfrie persoun havand na power to tred and vse merchandice, and thairfore that the said licence be discharget.

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Hammiltoun, Spens, ministeris.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] vpoun the pruif had of the doctryne and qualeficatioun, lyfe and conversatioun of maister James Hammiltoun, younger, minister at [Kenmure] in the westland, thocht expedient and consentet that it be travellit and agreitt with him to be ane of the ministeris of this burgh, and gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, baylie, [and five others] to intreat and agrie with him thairvpoun; and siclyk that they travell with maister [David] Spens, minister, to remayne in this burgh on the townis expenssis and teache for the space of fyfteen dayes.

Appoyntis William Nesbet, Alexander Vddert, Jhonn Bannatyne, Alexander Owsteane, to pas and confer in name of the town with Jonet Adamesoun, the laird of Cumislie, and Nicoll Cairneros, vpoun thair rychtis swa far as thai ony haif to the teynds of the burrow mure, and as thai fynd be thair report or sicht of thair writs to schaw the samyn to the counsall this day aucht dayes. Teynds of the mure.

Forswamekill as the commoun wellis of this burgh ar for the maist pairt dry and the town lyke to be scant of watter this somer seasoun, and that becaus ane pairt of the said wellis ar nocht deip anewch, and that the watter thairof is careit to the browsters, litsters, and maltmen and vthers be the burnemen and watter berers; for remeid thairof ordanes the thesaurer to caus synk swa mony of the said wellis as neid is ane faddum deper, and to reform the keyis and alter the keperis thairof be the avyse of William Littill, Alexander Vddert, Alexander Owsteane, Jhonn Watt, and the expenssis thairof to be allowet to the said thesaurer in his compts; and ordanis proclamatioun to be maid dischargeing all browsters, litsters, maltmen, baxters, or siclyke, to tak ony of the said well watter to thair occupatiouns, vnder the payne of xviij s. swa oft as thai failyie; and that na burnmen or watter bereris to presume to tak, carie, or transport the sam to ony of the said vses, vnder the payne of banisement of the town. Precept, thesaurer, wellis, proclamatio.

Ordanis James Merchell or Jhonn Watt, collectouris of the vnlawis, vpsets, and owllklie penneis, to pay and gif to James Adamsoun, masoun, lyand seik and hydropik, the sowm of ten merk for support of him and his puir bairnis. Precept, collectouris Adamsoun.

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Comperit Jhonn Moresoun, merchant, and exhibit and produceit the partement of ane rob royall of clayth of syluer, borderit with gold with the ordour of the cokill of France, in the lyke estaitt as he resauet the samyn, quhilk wes delyuerit to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, and he ordanet nocht to delyuer the samyn to any persoun quhill it be produceit and schawin to the Kings Maiestie and his Graceis speciall command and warrand obtenit for delyuerance thairof. Moresoun, partement of a rob royall.

In respect of the povertie of Alexander Quhyte, browdester, quha Quhyte, collectouris.

Quhyte, collectouris.

had of the kirk almous, owlklie, vj s. viij d., quhilk now can nocht be spaireit to him, throw the inlaik of the said almous, and in consideratioun that he is habill to do sum seruice in the kirk, thairfore at the desyre of certane of the elders and deaconis direct frome the sessioun of the kirk requyring the guid town to mak him sum support, thairfore thay grant and gevis vnto him, induring the townis will allanerly, the sowm of twenty sex merk to be payet to him be Jhonn Brown, collectour of the kirk rent, quarterlie, the first terme begynnand at the first of Marche nixttocum, for the quhilk thai ordane him to tak vp the psalme in the Eist Kirk and to reid ane chapter, and to begyn at the secund bell, and lykwyes to ouersie the said kirk that the sam be kepet clene. And ordanes Henry Nesbet, the dene of gild, and George Hamiltoun to gif him his iniunctiounes heirvpoun.

Hospitall.

Ordanis William Nesbet, bailyie, Henry Blyth, and Allan Bryntoun to assist and concur with the maisters of the hospitall, elders, and deaconis of the kirk, in putting ordour to all inormeteis within the said hospitall and depryving and putting furth of sic puir as trublis the rest.

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Precept, collectour, Broun, Hammiltoun.

Ordanis Jhonn Broun, collectour of the kirk rent of this burgh, to pay to James Nicoll, baillyie, the sowm of sex pund deburset be him in name of the towne for the expenssis of maister James Hammiltoun, minister in Galloway, in remaning in this burgh at the townis desyre the space of auchtein dayes.

Archidene of Lowthiane.

Ordanis William Fairlies, factour of the archideinrie of Lowthiane, to putt maister Alexander Betoun, sumtyme archidene of Lowthiane, to the horne for nocht obseruing to the guid toun of his pairt of the contract maid betuix the guid towne and him, and first to pas to himselff and speik with him thairanent.

Repairing of the kirk ruif.

Appoyntis Henrie Nesbet, bailyie, [and nine others], to pas and visy the ruif of the kirk and pairts falteis thairinto, and to convene with thame James Nesbet, Thomas Baldranie, Robert Tailyiefer, Jhonn Thomesoun, Gawin Perrie, Allane Roger, masouns, and tak thair awyse vpoun the

reparatioun thairof in maist substantious maner, be sclaiting or thak stayne, and to report the sam this day aucht dayes. Repairing of the kirk ruf.

In respect of the greitt abusing of the commoun wellis be the burnemen, watter berers, and the kepars of the keyis, directis ilk bailyie to tak ordour with the said wells in his quarter for keping of the same, viz., James Nicholl for St. Michaellis well, Henry Nesbet for the new well, William Nesbet, bailyie, and in his absence Jhonn Wat for the Mwse well; ilk persoun vnder the payne of xx s. that failyeis to do his dewtie thairinto; and the thesaurer as of before to mak and furneis new lokis and keyis. Commoun wellis.

The foresaid bailyeis and counsall and [deacons of crafts] having hard and considerit the articles vnderwrittin concerning the dene of gild and his counsall, after resoning vpoun euerie poynt thairof, fynds the sam to agrie with the ancient liberteis of the burgh and privelegeis grantet to the gild brether for the singulare weill and commoditeis of the commoun weill of this burgh and haill inhabitants and friemen thairof, als weill craftismen as merchants, and ratefeis, approveis, and authorizeis the said articles and interponing thair authoritye thairto, decernis and ordanis the samyn to be obseruet and keipet in all tymes cuming. Followes the saids articles:— Articles of the dene of gilds counsall.

First. That the dene of gilds counsall, now chosin be the bailyeis, counsall and deykins, conforme to the act of thair electioun maid the aucht of Januar last, to continew quhill fyftein dayes after the electioun of the maiestrats at Michaelmes nixt; and the said dene of gild and his said counsell, vpoun the Fryday nixt preceding the said fyftein dayes, to cum in before the provest, bailyeis and counsall, and remember thame vpoun the day of the electioun of the said dene of gilds counsall, quhilk provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts, with the dene of gild and his counsall of the yeir preceding, sall, at the said day, yeirlie, elect and chuis the new counsall to the dene of gild, quha sall be men of guid fayme, knawin experience, cair, and zeall toward the commoun weill, and quha ar gild brether and hes bene thre yeiris vpoun the greitt counsall of the towne of before; and that the said new counsall may be the better informit of the things done be thair predicessouris that the awld dene of gild be ane of the said new counsall for that yeir to cum. 1. Electioun of his counsell.

2. Convening.

Item. The said dene of gild and his counsall sall conveine euerie Tysday at twa houris after none and ofter as the necessitie of the commoun effairis vnderwrittin committit to thair chairge sall requyre, being wairnit thairto be the dene of gild or his officeris to be gevin to him and electet be him and his counsall quhen thai think guid, and the persouns absent the said day and hour, owlklie, but further wairning, and at vther tymes being lawfullie wairnit, quha ar nocht seik or sex myllis furth of the towne, sall pay ane vnlaw of sex schilling aucht penneis swa oft as thai failyie, but gif thai be absent twa dayes togidder to pay the second day threttein schilling foure penneis, and the absents thre dayis togidder to pay the thrid day twenty schillings ilk persoun; the deyne of gild being absent, and nather seik nor sex myllis furth of the town, to pay twyse als mekill ilk tyme as is payet be his counsall.

3. Nichtbourheids.

Item. The said dene of gild and his counsall to beir the haill burding in decyding all questiouns of nichtbourheid, and na nichtbouris wark to be stayet bot be him, quha sall caus the complener consing in his hand ane pledge worth the sowm of twenty schillings vnlaw and the damnage of the pairtie, and than sall stay the wark to ane day to be assignit be him to the complener to gif in his complaynt and wairn the pairtie, quhilk sall be within xlviij houris after the consignatioun, at the quhilk day the dene of gild and his counsall or maist pairt of thame sall convene vpoun the grund, and the complener nocht comperand or beand fund in the wrang sall pay ane vnlaw of xx s., with the pairteis damnage for hindering his wark, to be instantlie taxit and modefeit be the dene of gild and his counsall and payet furth of the said pledge; and the pairtie fyndand him grevit be the dene of gild and his counsell, vpoun consignatioun of the dowbill vnlaw, to be hard befor the ordiner counsall, and gif he haif complenit wranguslie to pay the said dowbill vnlaw.

4. Anent vnfriemen.

Item. The said dene of gild and his counsall to dischairge, pvneis, and vnlaw all persouns vnfriemen vsand the libertie of ane burges, gild brother, or friedome of craftis, as thai sall fynd guid, ay and quhill the said vnfriemen be put of the town or ellis maid frie with the town and thair craftis. Siclyke, persew before the juges competent all persouns dwelland without the burgh and vsurpand the libertie and fredome

thairof, obtene decreits aganis thame and caus the sam be put to speidie executioun. Anent vnthriftmen.

Item. The said dene of gild and his counsell to owersie and reforme the mets and mesouris greitt and small, of pynt and quart, pek and furlett of all sortis, with the elvand, and with the wechtis of pund and stayne, and to pvneis and vnlaw the transgressouris as thai sall think expedient. 5. Mets, mesouris, wechts.

Item. In all questiouns of compt and rekning anent merchandice quhilk may happin to fall owt betuix twa gild brether and burgessis, the pairtie refusand to submitt his caus to the dene of gild and his counsall to pay ane vnlaw of xl s. The caus beand submittet the pairtie fund in the wrang to pay ane vnlaw of xx s. 6. Cawsis of compt and rekning.

Item. Na burgessis nor gild brether to be maid nor prenteissis buiket bot in presens of the dene of gild and his counsall, and gif any beis vtherwayes maid or buiket the sam to be of na effect to the resaver quha sall lykewayis lose his money gevin thairfore. 7. Making of burgessis, gild brether, prenteissis.

Item. That na schips be frauchtit owtwart nor resauet inwart bot be the dene of gild and his counsall, at the leist be the dene of gild and twa of his counsall, the ane beand ane merchant, the vther ane craftisman, with the fermorer of the wyld aventures for the tyme, vnder the payne of payment of ane vnlaw of fyve pund to be payet to the commoun clerk for resaving of the entres. And the skipper and the merchants to be obleist to keip the townis acts and ilk ane of thame, with the acts of parliament concerning thame, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pund. 8. Schips frawchting and entering.

Item. The said dene of gild and his counsall to haif power to executt the acts of parliament, lawes, and statutes of this burgh, and vplift the penalteis thairof, vpoun the skippers of schips, merchants, and thair souerteis, contravenand the sam, and nane to haif power to saill at Leyth or within the jurisdictioun of this burgh without the tikket of the said dene of gild and his counsell. 9. Skipperis and merchants of schips.

Item. The dene of gild and his counsall to haif power to raise taxatiouns vpoun the gild brother for the weilfair and mayntenance of thair estaitt and the help of thair failyeit brether, thair wyffes, children, and seruands, and quha refussis to pay the said taxt be vnlawet in the sowm 10. Taxatiouns of gild brether.

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of xl s. swa oft as thai failyie; provyding the sam exceid nocht the soum of ane hundreth pund at anes.

11. Penalties, lawis.

Item. The dene of gild and his counsall to haif power for observing of the premissis to sett paynis and vnlawes thairvpoun, and the sam to mitigatt or inlairge, according to the tyme, place, persoun, and qualitie of the trespas, and forther to sett doun heids and articles, mak lawes and statutes for the weilfair of the toun, and the provest, bailyeis, and counsall to approve the samyn.

12. Imployment of vnlawes.

Item. The haill vnlawis mentionat in the articles before written and contenit in the lawis to be sett down be the said dene of gild and his counsall, for the ane halff thairof to be imployet be the said dene of gild and his counsall as thai sall fynd maist expedient, and the vther halff to cum to the townis vse, except the vnlawis nocht exceiding the soum of fyve pund quhilk sall haillie pertene to the said dene of gild and his counsall.

Thesaurer.

Item. The dene of gild and his counsall to haif power to creatt ane of thair awin number thair thesaurer for inbringing of the said vnlawis, and all the townis officeris to assist thame and thair officeris in wairding and poynding for the samyn, vnder the payne of xx s., to be payet to the said thesaurer be the officeris refusand, and the said thesaurer to mak his compts swa oft as he sall be requyret vpoun aucht dayes wairning.

Substitute of the gild.

Item. In absence of the dene of gild, quhilk sall nocht be without he be seik or sex myle furth of the toun and that for ane verray necessar and urgent caus to be knawin and tryet be his counsall and obtenand thair licence, thai to elect ane of their awin number to supplie his place as his substitute.

Conventiouns of dene of gild and his counsall.

Item. In all the conventiouns of the dene of gild and his counsall, that the townis thesaurer, commoun clerk, and collectouris, sall be present, and quhat bailyeis, counsalouris, or deykins, sall pleis to assist to be welcum to gif thair opiniouns.

Gift of escheitt of Haistie.

Grantis, gevis, and disponis to William Fairlie the gift of the escheitt of all gudis, geir, detts and soumes of money, quhilk pertenit to vmquhill Alexander Haistie, fallin and pertening to the guid town throw being of

the said Alexander convict before the provest and bailyeis of this burgh and execut to the deid for certane crymes of thift. Gift of escheitt of Haistie.

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Gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, Dauid Williamsoun, Alexander Owsteane, to intreatt with maister William Watsoun, minister, for his remayning a xv dayes to teache in the kirk vpoun the towns chairges, and to tak sic ordour with him that he mak conditioun with na man quhill the toun be at poynt with him. Watsoun, minister.

Ordanis Jhonn Brown, collectour of the kirk annuellis, to refound and pay to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, the soum of ten pund deburset be him for the expenssis of maister Dauid Spens, minister, in remaning and teacheing within this burgh at the townis desyre. Spens, minister.

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The bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and [council,] for guid consideratiouns moving thame, grantes licence to maister George Hacquet, conseruatour, to tak the trone wechts to Leyth and wey certane leid vre thair, he payand his dewties to the toun for the samyn. Conseruatour, leid vre.

Gevis commissioun to Alexander Clerk . . . and swa mony of the counsall as will assist, to convene and consult vpoun the maner of reparatioun of the ruif of the kirk, quhidder it sall be mair expedient to theik the sam with sclaitt or thak stayne, and to calcul the chairges of bayth swa neir as may be, and report the sam to the counsall. Commissio, repairing of the kirk.

The saids bailyeis and counsall and . . . deykins of craftis gevis power and commissioun to Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, and his counsall, vpoun consideratioun of the qualiteis of sic persouns as hes bene awld seruands within the town to burgessis and friemen thairof, to resaue and admitt thame burgessis of the sam vpoun ane ressonabill dewtie, with power to transact and compone with thame thairvpoun at thair discretioun. Commissio, gild counsall, awld seruands, burgessis.

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Ordanis Jhonn Gairdner in Leyth, of his awin consent, to bring and Gairdner, yetling, Harvie.

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delyuer vpoun the schore of Leyth to James Ros, thesaurer, in name of the towne, ane greitt irne yetling pertening to the town, and that betuix and this day aucht dayes, wynd and wedder seruand, vnder payne of wairding of his persoun. And gevis commissioun to William Harvy, bailyie, to tak tryell of thame that hes ony of the townis munitioun, and to resaue and inbring the sam to the townis vse.

Townis ordinances.

Statute, preicheings, hanting.

Haveand sufficientlie provydet for ministers in the twa kirks, and foreseying the misbehaviour and indiscretioun of certane men and wemen within this burgh quha can nocht be content to heir the ministers appoyntet for thair instructioun bot ather vpoun malice or in contempt of guid ordour absents thameselffis in thair howssis, going to thair pastyme or ellis passis to vther kirks about and adiacent this burgh, quhairvpoun can nathing insew bot confusioun and contempt vnles speidie remeid be provydet in tyme to cum. Quhairfore it is statute and ordanet thatt all friemen and friemenis wyffes in tymes cuming be found in thair awin paroche kirks euerie Sonday, as alswa at the tyme of the communioun, vnder the payne of payment of ane vnlaw for euery persoun beand fund absent, to witt, the maister or maistres of euery howse ane merk for the first falt, the secund falt ten merks, and the thrid falt ane hundreth merks, to be collectit be the collectouris of the toun vnlawis for the vse and sustentatioun of the puir; and for the fourt falt thair bodeis and haill guids at the Kings will. And na excuise to be admittet heirvpoun except onelie to be tryet seik and diseaset or ellis sex myle of the toun. And ordanis publicatioun to be maid heirvpoun, to the effect that nane pretend ignorance in tyme cuming.

Fische merkett.

In respect of the monefald abuses in the fische merket, fynds expedient and ordanis that twa bailyeis, thair owlk about, attend and visit the said merket and pvneis the transgressiouns thairof, speciallie vpoun the multitude of the regratouris and forestallers, als weill flescheouris as vthers.

Bell, College.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, with the dene of gild, William Littill, Androw Sclater, to pas and visite the bell quhilk is in the Potterrow to be sawld, and the said thesaurer to tak the bell in the Hie Schole and place the sam in the College.

13 *March* 1584-5.

Gevis commissioun and full power to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, [and four others.] to entreat and fynallie agrie with maister William Watsoun, minister, for his remaning heir and seruing in the cuir of the ministrie. Watsoun, minister.

17 *March* 1584-5.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] considerand the nouatiouns and greitt abusis rayset be the flescheouris within this burgh in the fische merket, speciallie in regraiting and forestalling all sorts of fysche, thairby raysing ane greitt derth, thairfore statutes and ordanis that na flescheoures sall haif any fische to top and sell agane, vnder the payne of escheitt thairof and payment of ane vnlaw of xl s. swa oft as thai failyie. Sielyke, that thair be na ma bot twa stoks allanerlie in the mercatt haldin for brekin of the greitt fische sawld be the cuntriemen and fischeris and thir stokis, with the persouns flescheoures seruing thairto, to be appoyntet ilk owlk be the bailyeis, visitouris of the said merket for the tyme, vnder the payne foresaid. And this ordinance to be proclamet throw the town that nane pretend ignorance. Statute, fische merket, flescheoures.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to refound and pay to maister Hercules Rollok, maister of the Hie Schole, the sowm of thrie pund thrie schillings deburset be him for ane littill bell and hinging thairof in the Hie Schole; als to pay to him fyftie schillings deburset be him vpoun the dressing and ordoring of the studie in the Hie Schole; als fynds it maist expedient for the weill of the toun that the new mylnis quhilk ar in bigging be jestet and haif girnells for serving the baxteris and gevin of maill to the toun. Alswa ordanis the said thesaurer, be avyse of the deyne of gild, William Littill, George Smyth and Jhonn Bannatyne, or ony twa of thame, to by ane bell of sextein stayne wecht to be hung in the bellhous at the Hie Schole. Precept, thesaurer, Rollok, mylnes, bell.

Appoyntis the thesaurer [and six others] to visy the rowme of St. Pawles Wark and consult and fynd owt ane commodious place to be ane lipper hous and report the sam on Fryday nixt. Lipper house.

Repairing of the kirk.

Vpoun consideratioun of the report maid be the persouns quha wes appoyntet to visit the decayet places of the kirk ruif, quhilk maist necessarlie requyris the first and reddiest beitment, and to the effect the wark thairof may be the mair substantious and indure the langer, fynds it expedient and concludes and ordanis that the ruif thairof bewest the steipill, quhilk is nocht watter ticht and apperant to decay, sall be first voltit and thairafter coverit with thak staynis, conform to dyuers vther pairts of the said kirk.

Statute, burgessis, gilds, howsis setting, metts.

The foresaids bailyeis, counsall and deykins, hes thocht expedient, statute, and ordanet that na maner of persouns quha ar nocht burgessis and friemen of this burgh tak vpoun hand fra this day furth to vse the libertie of ane burges and friemen thairof, vnder the payne of fyve pund the first falt, ten pund the secund, and banisement of this burgh for the thrid. Siclyke, that na vnfrie persouns or syngill burgessis vse the libertie of ane gild brother, vnder the payne of x li. the first falt, twenty pund the secund falt, and fourty pund the thrid falt. Attour, that all persouns quha hes thair lands or howssis sett to ony vnfrie persouns, men or wemen, quha ar nocht awaitting on the law or attendants on the sessioun, remove the said vnfrie tennents furth thairof at the feist of Witsounday nixt, and thairafter that thai sett nane of thair saidis howssis to vnfrie persouns vnder the payne of xl s. to be tayne for ilk howse vnforgevin. And siclyke, that na maner of persouns haif or vse any maner of fals wechts of pund or stayne, fals balances, fals mesoures of pek and furlett, fals elvand, or fals stowpes, or ony kind of fals wechts, mets, or mesures, les or mair, vnder the payne of escheitt of the said wechts, mets, or mesouris, payment of ane vnlaw of xl s., and pvneissing of thair persouns conform to the lawis of the realme.

Extent, kirk, college.

Forswamekill as vpoun the xviij day of December last thay grantet to ane extent of sevin hundreth and twenty pund for payment of the Kings Graces wynes and vther caussis specifeit in the act maid thairvpoun the said day, and now in consideratioun of the necessitie of the wark of the kirk and of the college, quhilk requyris necessarelie to be incloset, thairfore hes thocht expedient, statute, and ordanit that the said extent be augmentit in the sowme of ane thowsand pund for the kirk-

wark and thre hundreth and foure scoir punds for the wark of the college, makand in the haill the sowme of twa thowsand pund, to be vpliftet with diligence of the inhabitants and burgessis of the said burgh that may be addettit in payment thairof. Extent, kirk, college.

Ordanis Thomas Aikinheid and Alexander Owsteane to pas, intreatt, and confer with maister Robert Pont anent the title of his benefice of the Trinitie College and dimissioun thairof in favouris of the toun and to report his ansuer thairupoun. Trinitie College.

19 *March* 1584-5.

Fynds expedient that at the taking down of the awld knok in the steipill and placeing ane new knok in the rowm thairof, that the said awld knok be tayne and sett vp in the belhous at the Hie Schole quhill ane mair commodious place be preparet for the samyn. Knok in the Hie Schole.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, bailyeis, the dene of gild, thesaurer, Jhonn Bannatyne, Bartelmo Somervell, Alexander Vddert, William Littill, Henry Blyth, Jhonn Watt and maister Alexander Guthre, to pas to Leyth the morn for halding of the court for calling of the precept rayset aganes the inhabitants of Leyth for schawing thair euidents, and be the way to visy the rowm of St. Pawlis Wark quhair ane lipper hous may be commodiouslie bigget. Commissio, court in Leyth, lipper hous.

The foresaid bailyeis and counsall and . . . deykins ot crafts fynds it maist expedient and necessar that maister Jhonn Craig and maister James Hammiltoun, younger, sall be twa of the ministers of this burgh; and thairfore gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, Alexander Owsteane, Jhonn Watt, to intreatt, confer, and agrie with the said maister Jhonn Craig thairvpoun and with the said maister James at his first cuming to this burgh. Craig, Hammiltoun, ministers.

Ordanis the sercheouris, customers, and bailyeis, and vthers the townis seruands at the port and town of Leyth to suffer na teynd fische to be payet be any persouns within the towne watteris quhill the town tak farder ordour thairanent. Tend fische in Leyth.

Fyndis and declaris that of all boitts cumand within the heavin of Leyth with victualls and fische, and haveand na greitter foircast nor the Watter bailyie.

Water bailie.

ferry boitts, that the watter bailyie to the town awcht to haif na forther dewtie be rycht of his office nor is payet be the said ferry boits, and gif thai haif any gritter foircast tending to the foremast that he suld tak his dewteis thairof according to the townis infeftments.

Commissio, gild counsall, wobsters, walkers.

Gevis commissioun to Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, to resaue and admitt the vnfremen, walkers and wobsters, dwelling at the West Port, and vtheris vnfrie persouns of the said crafts, to be burgessis and fremen of this burgh, with power to compone and agrie with thame for the dewteis alsweill of thair burgesschip as vpsetts, takand alwayes souerteis that thay sall cum, remayne, and dwell in this burgh at Whitsounday nixt, vnder sic paynis as thai sall fynd maist expedient. And the deykins of the said crafts wer content to be guid to thame and to resaue thame friemen to their crafts.

24 *March* 1584-5.

Precept, lipper hous.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, be the avyse of the persouns quha wes appoyntet to visy St Pawles Wark, to caus big ane lipper hous in the place maist commodious for the sam at the said hospitall.

Paislay.

Ordanis maister Michaell Chisholme, vnder factour and chamerlane of the abbacie of Paislay, to sell and dispone the fermis and victuall of the said abbacie to the behuif of the guid toun of the darrest and hieest pryces that he can obtene for the samyn.

Hammiltown, minister.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, Jhonn Watt, George Hereott, to speik my lord provest and the laird of Lokinwar for maister James Hammiltown, younger, that he may be ane of the ministers of this burgh.

25 *March* 1585.

Pont, Trinitie College.

The baillies, [council and deacons of crafts,] vpoun the declaratioun of the persouns quha wes direct to confer with maister Robert Pont anent his rycht of the provestrie of the Trinitie College, fynds it maist expedient to appoynt and agrie with him for dimissioun thairof in the townis favouris, and thairfore gevis full commissioun and power to Henry Nesbet, William Littill, Alexander Owstean, to pas and mak ane fynall end and agriement with him thairanent.

For dyuers consideratiouns moving thame, renunceis the instance of the actioun and precept persewet be thame and thair procuratour fiscall aganis the beidmen of the Trinitie College, for productioun before thame as superioures of the town of Leyth of all infeftments and euidents that the saidis prebendares and beidmen hes of any lands within the town of Leyth, and passis fra the persute of the said actioun intentit be thame *pro loco et tempore;* and ar content that the commoun kist of the said College and euidents contenit thairin sall remayne in custody and keping of maister Robert Pont, provest of the said College, till forther ordour be tayne concerning the said mater be commouning betuix him and thame. And this continuatioun to indure for the space of ane yeir quhill maters may be amicablie composit amangs thame but proces of law. Pont, Trinitie College euidents.

26 *March* 1585.

Appoynts Henrie Nesbet, bailyie, Alexander Vddert, Alexander Owsteane, or ony that thai pleis to tak with thame of the counsall, to pas to my lord provest and schaw the procedings betuix the town and maister Robert Pont, and to desyre his lordschips help and fortherance at the Kings Maiesteis hands. Pont, Trinitie College.

Inrespect the office of customarie at the new heavin of Prestoun is vacand in the burrowes hands, thairfore fynds expedient and ordanis that the customer of Edinburgh, Robert Gourlaw, and William Makcartnay, coquetter, resaue the customes of the said heavin quhill forther ordour be tayne thairwith. New heavin of Prestoun.

For obedience of the Kings Maiesties lettre direct to the guid toun, grantis and permitts that vmquhill [*blank*] Creychtoun, Bischop of Dunkeld, be bureit within the Hie Kirk of this burgh. Lykewayes, at the desyre of my lord provest and be his lordships lettre, and for the caussis specifeit thairin, grantes and permitts that vmquhill Helene Aichesoun, relict of vmquhill Archibald Stewart, sumtyme provest of this burgh, be bureit within the said kirk besyde her vmquhill spous; and Thomas Aichesoun, maister cvngyeour, promist to mak hir legacie to the puir ane hundreth merk. Dunkeld, Achesoun bureing.

31 *March* 1585.

Paislay, Hammiltoun, precept Chisholme.

Fynds that Jhonn Hammiltoun, alias Blacksmyth, and Alesoun Bayne, his spous, being now aiget and decrepit persouns, ar lawfully provydet of awld to ane pensioun of sex sowmes girs in the mos of Paislay, with the twa acres of land callit the Fawlds, togidder with twa chalderis of meill furth of the girnellis of Paislay, betuix Alhallomes and Candilmes, to be payet and thankfully delyuerit be the grainter of the said abbay for the tyme to the saidis persons during thair lyfetymes, as at lenth is contenit in their gift maid thairupoun be vmquhill Jhonn archbischop of St Androis, off the daitt the fourt of June 1558 yeiris, schawin and producet before the said bailyeis and counsall; and thairfore ordanis maister Michaell Chisholme, vnder factour and chalmerlen to the guid toun of the said abbacie, to mak the saidis persouns thankfull payment of the said pensioun according to thair said gift and provisioun for all the yeiris and termes that the said abbacie hes bene in the townis hands or sall be in tyme cuming.

Decreitt aganis the comptroller, Blakfreires.

Jhonn Robertsoun, merchant, producet the decreitt of the lords of counsall obtenit at the instance of the town aganes the Kingis Maiesties comptroller vpoun the dewtie quhilk the Blakfreires of this burgh had of awld furth of the burrow maillis thairof; quhilk decreitt wes delyuerit to James Ros, thesaurer, quha is ordanet to caus the sam be writtin ower and subscryuet in perchement.

2 *April* 1585.

Hay, sclaitts.

Appoynts William Harvy, bailyie, thesaurer, George Smyth, or any of the counsall quhome thai pleise tak with thame, to pas to the clerk of register and schaw his lordship the lettres sinisterlye purchest be George Hay, sclater, dischairgeing all sclaitts to be brocht fra Dundie bot be his licence, to the greitt [hurt] of the lieges and pollicie of the realme, and thairfor that his lordship will assist to obtene the said lettres dischairget.

7 *April* 1585.

Belhous, Hie Schole.

Fynds it maist expedient that the ruiff of the Belhous at the Hie

Schole be maid round, and that it be theiket with skailyie als weill for the honesty as the lest thairof. Bellhous, Hie Schole.

Makis, creats, and constituts Dauid Cvming, sangster, ane of the maisters of the sang scholes of this burgh for teacheing of the yowth in the airt of mwsik and als to reid and writt, and sielyke for taking vp of the psalmes in the Eist Kirk, and to be subiect to teache swa mony of the puir of this burgh as cumis to him in the airt of mwsik, reiding, and writting gratis; for the qvhilk caussis thay gif and assignis to him ane yeirlie stipend of twenty sex merk, to be payet to him quarterlie furth of the kirk rent of this burgh. Cvming, sangster, precept, collectouris.

Fynds it expedient, statuts and ordanis that all maner of flescheoures, als weill fremen as of the land merket, in all tymes cuming, bring and present all thair flesche, sic as beif, mwttoun, veill, or sielyke, to be sawld in oppin merket and nocht hurdit in thair buithis to derth the merkets, and that the said flesche haif the hyde stikkand with the carkage and the skyn with the bowk or layet hard by quhair the sam hings or lyis, vnder the payne of escheitt of the said carkages and bowkis or pryce thairof. Sielyke, that the said flescheoures flay all thair scheip in tyme cuming vp throw the haill craig to the lugs, swa that the lug stik with the skyn, and nother pluk the woll of the hals nor vther pairt, nor yitt diminische the skyn or hydes be cutting of any sic pairt as thai call tarleyeris, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the said skynns and hydes to the townis vse and payment of ane vnlaw of fyve pund swa oft as thai failyie; and that na merchants tak vpoun hand to by any skynns quhilk ar plukket and tarleyerit as said is, vnder the payne foresaid. Attour, that nane of the saids skynnis be had in howssis or sawld thairin bot to be brocht to oppin merket, thair to be sawld and in na vther place, vnder the payne of escheitt and payment of ane vnlaw of fyve pund. And als that na merchants or vtheris that lykes to by any skynnis or hydes fra the flescheouris gif arles or avance money to thame, or yitt by thair slawchter skynnis or hydes before hand, or yitt pas to the flescheouris howssis to by any thairof, bot that thai suffer the samyn to be brocht to the commoun and oppin mercatt to be indifferently sawld as said is, vnder the payne of fyve pund to be tayne of the saids merchants swa oft as thai failyie. Statute, flescheouris, skynnour, merchants.

9 *April* 1585.

Cvmings stipend.

[The bailies and council,] for guid caussis and considerationns moving thame, willis and consents that the stipend grantet to David Cvming, ane of the maisters of the sang scholes, vpoun the vij of this instant, be augmentit the sowme of foure merkis.

Commissioners, synodall assembly.

Electit, creat, and constitut Henry Nesbet and Alexander Owsteane, tailyeour, commissioners for the guid towne in the synodall assemblie to be begun and haldin within this burgh on Tysday nixt, with speciall [instructions] to thame to declair that the toun and the kirk electit maister William Watsoun to be ane of thair ministers, and to desyre the kirk to admitt him to that functioun and to gif thair consent to the said electioun.

Hammiltoun, courts of Leyth, collectiouris.

Vpoun consideratioun of the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be William Hammiltoun, merchant, for redelyuerance to him of ane braysin pott and ane quart stowpe of tyn poyndet fra him for noncomperance at the heid court of Leyth as he that awcht suitt and presence at the said heid court for ane tenement of land lyand in Leyth at the Altarestayne, the said bailyeis and counsall fynds that the said land wes haldin of before of the chaiplenis of St Katherenis altare within the College Kirk of St Jeill quhairof they ar patronis thame selffis, and be ressoun of the generall dispositioun thai succeid in place of the said chaiplenis and is haldin of thame selffis, and thairfore aucht na suitt nor presens to the towne in the said courts, as in the laird of Restalrigs court, and thairfore decernis the saidis poynds to be redelyuerit to him agane.

Huchesoun, Kincaid, interdictis.

Comperit Jhonn Huchesoun, vnder the wall, and Ewfame Kincaid, his spous, and of thair awin consents voluntarlie interdyctet thame selffis fra all alienatioun of thair lands or annuells in tyme cuming without specialt licence of the provest, baillies and counsall, had and obtenit thairto. Attour the said Jhonn, inrespect of certene variance betuix him and his said spous, oblist himselff to gif to hir yeirlie for hir sustentatioun the sowme of fourty fyve pund money to be payet to hir quarterlie, begynnand the first termes payment at Beltane nixt, and to tak the bairnis of hir hand and to gif to her maill frie ane chalmer quhill Witsounday nixt cum ane yeir and thairafter ane laich hous.

14 *April* 1585.

Mr. James Hammiltoun, minister.

Comperit certane commissioners direct fra the synodall assemblie, and declairit that maister James Hammiltoun, eldare, minister, had desyret of the said assemblie ane ratificatioun of his transporting to this burgh fra his kirk of [Kenmure,] and that the assemblie had direct the said commissioners to the bailyeis and counsall to knaw thair will and mynd thairanent; with the quhilk the said bailyeis and counsall being avyset, directit David Williamsoun and John Bannatyne to pas to the said assemblie and in name of the toun to schaw and declair that the towne beand in gritt necessitie of ministeris to serue in the kirk, maister James Hammiltoun beand the first and reddiest that wes offerit vnto thame thairby, thai wer movet to resaue him to occupie that place, and now desyris the kirk to tak cair of thair kirk that thai may haif sic ministers be thair avyse as is maist habill and qualefeit in doctrine and lyfe and hes ane voice convenient for the auditouris. Quhilk persouns beand past and returnand agane, vpoun the report of thair declaratioun and ansuer, appoyntis to pas agane to the said assemblie and to schaw that thai desyre the kirk vpoun their consciences, as they will ansuer to God, to trye and cognosce gif maister James Hammiltoun be ane man sufficient and qualefeit in doctryne, conversatioun, and voice meitt and convenient for the place, and tryell beand tane be the kirk, the counsall and deykins will convene and gif thair ansuer to the desyre of the said commissioners of the kirk, desyrand alswa that thai will vse the sam maner of tryell as thai vset in admitting of maister William Watsoun, minister. Thairafter comperit certane commissioners of the kirk in gritter number, and after resoning with the counsall and vnderstanding be thame that the assemblie wald direct certane commissioners for thame to the town with thair mynd, thairfore the said bailies and [council appointed certain commissioners] to convene at afternone with the said commissioners and resaue the ansuer of the assemblie.

The sam day, afternone, the bailyeis and counsall for the maist pairt beand convenit, comperit the commissioners for the town quha wes directit to the assembly and commissioners thairof and declairet that the

Mr. James Hammiltoun, minister.

counsall of the assembly, be the mowth of the moderatour, fand that the residence of maister James Hammiltoun heir in tymes bygane wes to Gods glorie and guid seruice to his Maiestie and deseruet thankis; alwayes in tyme cuming thai maid him to be frie and the town to be frie, and desyret the toun to nominat thrie or four as thai thocht best of the ministers of the maist qualefeit to be ministers heir, after quhais presentatioun thai suld gif thair declaratioun quhome thai fand meittest, and suld leif thair commissioners to that effect incais thai dissolvet. After avysement with the quhilk ansuer, the maist pairt of the counsall fand the sam indirect to the words contenit in the commissioun and directet Henry Nesbet, William Nesbet, William Harvie, William Fairly, Jhonn Bannatyne, Jhonn Watt, to pas to my lord provest and schaw and declair to his lordschip the haill progres in the premisses.

16 *April* 1585.

Litera, Hammiltoun, minister.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsall, for the maist pairt being convenit, comperit maister James Hammiltoun, eldare, minister of this burgh, and producet the lettre vnderwrittin, subscryuet be Patrik, bischop of St. Androis, and the clerk of this last synodall assembly, quhilk the said bailyeis and counsall ordanet to be registrat and insert in this present buik *ad futuram rei memoriam*, of the quhilk the tenour followes:—Anent the ernist desyre and supplicatioun of maister James Hammiltoun, desyring his translatioun to Edinburgh to be ratefeit and apprevit, inrespect he had nocht ingyret himselff to the chairge, bot at the speciall command and chairge of his Maiestie and counsall had for a seasoun preacheit in Edinburgh and after sufficient tryell wes electit, chosin, acceptit and resauet be the provest, bailyeis, and counsall of Edinburgh, the bischop of Sanctandrois, with the avyse of the assembly, fynding na complaynt offerit aganis the said maister James lyfe nor doctryne, declairet that swa far as that mater may concerne thame thay allowet the said maister James proceding in obeying his Hienes according to his dewtie and in seruing in the ministrie of the town of Edinburgh according to thair electioun and his agriement and consent thairto. *Et sic subscribitur*: P., SANCTANDROSS. TAILYEOUR.

21 *April* 1585.

The bailyeis and counsall for the maist pairt being convenit, gevis commissioun to the dene of gild and his counsall to convene and consult, devyse, and gif ansuer vpoun the heids and articles to be schawin to thame be maister Michael Chisholme concerning the administratioun of the effairis of the abbacie of Paislay. Paislay

Fynds it expedient that the cair of the recovering and obtening of the rycht and possessioun of the acres and land in the Seynis be committet to certane particulare persouns, and thairfore ordanis William Fairlie and Jhonn Watt of thair awin consent to tak the sam vpoun thame, and to raise the breiffes of perambulatioun, obtene commissioun of the justice, and do all things concerning the samyn. Seynis acres.

Ordained the dean of gild to pay £55 as the "pryce of the knok of Lundores . . . and the said dene of gild to intromett with the said knok and be comptabill for the sam." Knok of Lundores.

23 *April* 1585.

Ordanis Androw Sclater, maister of wark of the College, to caus melt the twa bellis of the said College quhilk are now revin and to mak thame in ane bell, and be the avyse of William Littill, Alexander Vddert, Jhonn Watt, smyth, and George Smyth, tailyeour, to repair and inlairge the place quhair the sam hang of before, and to hing vp the said new bell thairinto with diligence. Sielyke, be the avyse of Henry Nesbet, bailyie, [and five others,] to inclose the said College and mak the wallis thairof; as alswa to fill vp the quarrell hoillis at the Gray Freir port. Precept Sclater, College.

Appoynts James Nicoll [and four others] to speik maister Jhonn Craig, minister, and to desyre him to preache in the Hie Kirk on Sonday nixt, to the effect that he may resaue and inaugurat maister William Watsoun, minister, as ane of the townis ministers, according to the ordour in sic caissis of before. Watsoun, minister.

Gevis commissioun to Henrie Nesbet, bailyie, [and five others] to convene, agrie, and end with maister Dauid Landellis, mylne wricht, for his warkmanschip and his seruands in bigging of the foure new mylnis at the commoun mylnis, for the sowm of thre hundreth merks, and referis his boundteth to be maid be thair discretioun. Commissio Landellis, mylnis.

Knok in the stepill, Smyth.

Condescends and agreis that [*blank*] Smyth, smyth in Blantyre, for repairing of the knok of Lundores bocht be the town, setting vp thairof and dressing of the sam to haif twa hands to be sett in the hie steipill, and doing all things necessar pertening to his occupatioun, at the sicht and desyre of the dene of gild, Jhonn Watt, or ony of the counsall quhome thai plese tak with thame, to haif thre scoir pund money or ellis to be maid burges and frie with his craft and thairwith to haif fourty merks money, the said twa conditiouns beand in his optioun.

28 *April* 1585.

Commissioners to the generall conventiouns of estaits, raid.

Makis, electis, and constituts Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, and Alexander Owsteane, deykin of the tailyeouris, thair lawfull procuratouris, actouris and commissioneris, to compeir before our Souerane Lord the Kings Maiestie and his graces secreitt counsall this present day, or quhatsumeuir day or dayes convenient, at his Graces palace of Halyruidhous or vther place neidfull, and thair, according to the lettre missiue direct fra his Grace to the provest and bailyeis of this burgh, to gif thair opiniouns and guid avyse in name of the town to the furthering of thai things tending to the expeditioun of the raid proclamet to be had toward the West Borders and continewit to the xv of May nixt, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said lettre, and thairvpoun to intreatt, vote, ressoun, and conclude for the weill of our Souerane Lord and commoun weill of this realme.

Statute, burgessis, gild brether.

It wes proponet be Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, and certane of his counsall, that sindrie persouns hes comperit befoir thame and desyret to be resauet burgessis and gild brether of this burgh, thair resultet sum difficulteis thairvpoun quhairof thai culd nocht be resoluet of thameselffis without the avyse and consent of the greitt counsale, and the said difficulteis beand putt in articles and proponet and schawin, desyret the said bailyeis, counsall and deykins to sett down in writt thair will, consent, and command quhat way he sall follow thairanent; with the quhilk the said bailyeis, counsall, and deykins being ryplie avyset, after lang ressoning, for ansuer to the said articles, hes thocht expedient, statute, and ordanet as followes:—*First*, Anent sic persouns as wes maid burgessis

before the decreitt arbitrall and vnioun of the merchants and craftismen, that thai be resauet and admittet gild brether for the awld dewtie of ten pund allanerlie, beand alwayes tryet and fund qualefeit and worthie thairof; and all vthers having na rycht be thair fathers, wyffes, and prenteissis, to pay the vtter dewtie, quhilk is fourty pund for thair gildrie and all thair dewteis awand thairfore. *Item*, Becaus the sone, dochter, or prenteis can be in na better estaitt nor thair father or maister wes be thair rycht, thairfore quhair the maister or father wes na burges or gild brother, the said prenteis, the sone, or yitt the husband of the dochter, nocht to be resauet burges or gild brother bot for the vttermest dewtie before mentionat. *Item*, Anent the prenteissis and gild brether and burgessis, first, for thair better tryell and pruif of thair guid conditiouns; nixt, inrespect thai awcht to be far inferiour to thair masters bairnis as twicheing thair richt throw thair maister; and, thridlie, to move thame to tak in mariage thair maisters dochteris before any vtheris, quhilk sall be ane greitt comfort and support to friemen; that thairfore na prenteis be resauet burges be rycht of his prenteisschip without he haif seruit after the ische of his prenteisschip ane friemen for the space of thre yeir for meitt and fie and than to be resauet burges as ane prenteis; and als nocht to be resauet gild brother be that richt without he haif bene ane burges for fyve yeir, swa to abyde threttein yeir before he be gild brother be rycht of his prenteisschip, bot gif he marie his maisters dochter, or the dochter of any frieman, burges and gild, and beis fund worthie and qualefeit, in that caise to be resauet gild brother at any tyme be richt of his wyfe. And ordanis the said dene of gild and his counsall and thair successouris to obserue and keip inviolablie this present act and ordinance as ane law in all tyme cuming.

Statute, burgessis, gild brether.

30 *April* 1585.

Inrespect thair is sum suspicioun of the pestilence rissin within this burgh, be occasioun of the deceis of ane woman quha deceissit in the hows of ane [*blank*] M'Calyeoun, within Jhonn Young the tailyeouris land in the Fische Merket Close, and repairet with his marrow to sindry howssis in this burgh quha ar all now incloset quhill forther [ordour be

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tane;] thairfore ordanis the bailyeis in thair quarters to deburs the necessar chairges of the persouns incloset nocht havand of thair awin, and deputs certane to watche and keip thair howssis, and to gif in thair compts of the sowmes deburset.

Statute, swyne, priveis, middings, vagabounds, straingeris.

Statutes and ordanis, for avoyding of all filth and evill favour quhairby any inconvenient may aryse in this somer seasoun, that na maner of persouns suffer thair swyne to pas in the hie streits, commoun clossis, or vinells, or furth of bandis in any oppin places, fra this day furth, vnder the payne of slawchter of the swyne and payment of ane vnlaw of xl s. swa oft as thai failyie, and the awner to be putt in the thevis hoill or tolbuith quhill the said vnlaw be payet. Siclyke, that nane suffer thair priveis to gorge, brek, and rin owt in the streits, bot that thai caus the samyn be clengeit in dew tymes, nor yitt to haif any filth or middings lyand on the said streits abone thre houris at anes, vnder the payne of xl s. and pvnisement of thair persouns at the will of the magestrats. Attour, that nane howse, harberie, or resaue in thair howssis or ludgeings any vagabunds, passingers, or strayngers, bot that thai schaw the bailyie of the quarter within thre houres thairafter, vnder the payne of x li. swa oft as thai failyie and banisement of the town, but favouris.

1 *May* 1585.

Laird of Jhonestoun, convoy.

It wes reportet be Henry Nesbet and James Nicoll that the Kings Grace desyret the toun to furneis xl sudderts to convoy the laird of Jhonestoun hamewart, and thair chairges to be refoundet to the toun with ane pairt of the generall extent of the realme of xx^{m} li.; inrespect quhairof the said bailyeis, counsall, and deykins grantes and consents to furneis threttie nyne sudderts, ane swescheour, and twa commanders, viz., Cudbert Cranstoun, furrour, and William Aitkyn; and the bailyeis to avance thair chairges on the reddiest of the touns taxt now in vplifting, and the saids commanders to haif x li. ilk persoun.

Pai-lay abbacie.

Appoyntis Henrie Nesbet, William Fairlie, Alexander Owsteane, Jhonn Watt, to pas to Dirltoun to the Kings Maiestie and to travell to gett the signatour of the abbacie of Paislay past and subscryuet to the guid toun.

4 *May* 1585.

Comperit Sir William Stewart of [*blank*] knycht, capitane of Dumbertane, and produceit ane lettre of the Kings Maiestie desyring the town to avance and len for owtredding of certane men of weir to pas to the borderis the sowme of ane thowsand merk, to be ramburset agane to the town of the generall taxt of xx^{m} li. to be tane of the haill realme, with the quhilk the said bailyeis, counsall, and deykins being avyset, all in ane voice grantet and condiscendet to avance the said sowme, to be tane of the first end of the townis extent of twa thowsand pund laitlie grantet for the kirk and the wyne, allowand in the said avancement the sowmes deburset for the xl sulderts. And quhill the said sowm may be gottin in fynds expedient that the bailyeis vplift the sam quhaireuir thai may haif it, and thai to ramburse the nychtbouris of thair quarters quha sall avance the sam with the said extent. Avancement of the merkis to the Kings Grace.

5 *May* 1585.

In consideratioun that the Quenisferrie is swa oppin and patent to all persouns, and thairfore to eschew all infectioun that may aryse thairthrow, fyndis it expedient that twa persouns for the Nether Bow and twa for the West Port be feyet to keip the sam, that na vnkennit persouns, vagabounds, or vthers enter thairat. Nether Bow, West Port.

Fynds that according to the ancient liberteis of this burgh and lawes of the realme na vnfrie persouns awcht to haif libertie or power to by or sell any maner of guids cumand in or owt at the port of Leyth, and thairfore appoynts and nominats Nicoll Vddert and Jhonn Watt to sie the said liberties and lawes keipit and put to dew executioun. Vnfriemen in Leyth.

Fynds it expedient, statuts, and ordanis that of all wollin clayth maid within this burgh and mett betuix nychtbour and nichtbour, the commoun metster awcht to haif na dewtie for the sam without he be cawset to mett the said clayth, bot all clayth that cumis owt of the cuntrie and is maid without the town he to haif his metster dewtie thairof to be payet be the seller quhidder it be met be the said metster or nocht. Statute, commoun metster.

9 *May* 1585.

Pest persouns.

In consideratioun that thair is twa persouns deid in the pest within this xxiiij houris quhilk wes incloset in the hous in the Fische Merket Close within Jhonn Young the tailyeouris land quhair the woman deyet of before, [*blank*] dayes syne or thairby, thairfore fynds it maist expedient that the thrie persouns yitt on lyve in the said hous sall be transportet furth of the toun, and the hous clengeit with diligence, and that provisioun be maid that thai sall nocht eschaip or rin away, the place to transport thame to be in the hows at the acres of vmquhill Adam Purves, wrycht, bewest St. Rochis chapell. And the said persouns to be putt be thame selffis, and ane watche to be putt in ane luge besyde of thre clene persouns to keip thame, and the haill geir quhilk is nocht in lokfast lumes to be tayne furth and brynt.

10 *May* 1585.

Clengeris, gibet, ports.

The bailyeis and counsall in ane pairt being convenit, fynds it expedient that the clengers, Alexander Fraynche and Jhonn Speir, quha ar in Dysart, be send for incais the towne haif ado with thame. And ordanis the thesaurer to sett vp ane gibet in the mwre quhair it wes of awld. Als that ane honest man in the town his day about be putt to euerie ane of the twa ports to attend vpoun the sam, and that ane clenger be had for the present to putt in with the seik folkis and to help to transport thair geir.

12 *May* 1585.

Mure. Clengeit folkis, tofalls.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to sett the girs of the mwre quhill Mairtymes for xl merk gif he can gett na mair for the sam. Als to mak clething to the folkis quha ar to be clenget becaus thair awin clething is to be brynt. Als to big swa mony tofallis as he sall fynd necessar in the Kirk of the Seynis for thame that sall be clengeit, and for Alexander Fraynche and Jhonn Speir quha ar cum fra the Wemys.

14 *May* 1585.

Cran in Leyth.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to tak down the cran at the schoir of Leyth and to sett vp the sam at the clowse of the North Loch, and to repair it.

18 *May* 1585.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus big fyve or sex lugeis in the mwre for sic as sall happin to be put furth in the pest, and namelie for Walter Ochiltrie, myller, and his wyfe and bairnis, quha ar to be put furth thairto be ressoun of ane bairne deid in the seiknes in thair howse at the mylnis. Alswa gevis commissioun to the said thesaurer and to Thomas Aikinheid and Jhonn Mowbray to visit, attend, and tak cair of the inhabitants within the townis boundis on the watter of Leyth. Lugeis. Watter of Leyth.

Ordanis Henry Nesbet, William Fairlie, bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, Alexander Vddert and Jhonn Watt, to pas to Alexander Fraynche, clenger, and to exhort him to be trew and diligent in his office in the mwre; and gif it beis fund that he sall do his dewtie honestlie, to promeis vnto him in name of the toun that he sall be honestly rewairdet with a howse mailfrie and a pensioun for his lyfetyme. Als ordanis the said persouns to caus Dustefute slay all the swyne, dogs and cats, quhaireuir he may apprehend the sam. Commissioun anent Fraynche. Dustefute.

19 *May* 1585.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and maist pairt of the counsall being convenit, for eschewing of the apperand daynger of the pestilence and doing of thair diligence to provyde remedie thairto, hes electit, nominat, and appoyntit thre persouns of euery quarter to concur, fortifie, and assist the bailyeis thairof respectiue, at all tymes neidfull, in visitatioun thairof and taking cair and attendance thairvpoun. Assisteris in the quarters.

The foresaid bailyeis and counsall and . . . deykins of crafts agreit to the act immediatlie before writtin; and als, in consideratioun that the apperant incres of the seiknes requyres mair frequent conventioun now nor at vther tymes, and gritter diligence, with deliberatioun, to forsie, eschew, and provyde for daynger to cum, thairfore fynds expedient that the counsall sall convene ilk day after the prayers and sermon, and that nane be absent without ane verray necessar and vrgent caus without any forther warning. Counsall convening.

Sustening of the puir.

Ordanis the bailyeis to mak the charges and expenssis vpoun the sustentatioun of the puir and neidy in thair quarters quha sall happin to be incloset or putt to the mwre.

20 *May* 1585.

Caldroun, Freir port, clengeing.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to bye ane caldroun and all necessar for the clengeing of the guidis in the mwre. And William Naper, the thesaurer, and sic as thai can fynd to assist, to pas and sie the clengers enter to the clengeing with diligence. And the bailyie of the quarter and the thesaurer to tak ordour with the Grayfreir port for helping and mending thairof and making keyis thairto to serue for a passage to the fowle folk and thair geir.

21 *May* 1585.

Irnis to the mwre.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to tak ane pair of irnis, with thair schaikills, furth of the tolbuith to the mwre for keiping and pvneissing of the transgressoures within the samyn.

Wilsoun, Russell, Walker, put to assys.

Fyndis expedient that Thomas Wilsoun, travellour, presentlie infectit with the pest and in poynt of deyth, and als Margaret Russell and Jonet Walker, hir dochter, be incontinent putt to the knawlege of ane assyse for having of the pest and knawand the sam conceilling thairof and repairing amangs our Souerane Lords lieges oppinlie, to the infectioun of sum and hasart of mony, and being fund culpabill in any poynt of the premisses to be immediatly execut to the deyth at the stray mercat.

Smyth, lokman to the mwre.

Agreit with Alexander Smyth, pyonour, and feyet and conduceit him executiouner of the fowle folk and all sic as sall be convict for breking of the Kings Majesteis lawes and the statuts of the burgh, and hes promest him ten pund monethlie induring his seruice.

22 *May* 1585.

Collectioun of the sessioun for St. Jhonestoun.

Comperit maister Olipher Colt quha wes appoyntet to pas throw the lords of sessioun, aduocats, and thair seruands, to gadder and collect thair support to the town of St. Jhonestoun and seik folk thairof visite with the

pestilence, and produceit the said lordis and aduocats and thair seruands collectioun, extending to [£201, 10s. 4d.] Sielyke comperit Dauid Lawtie, writter, appoyntet to gett the collectioun of the writters, memberis of sessioun, for support of the said towne and producet the sowme of [£43, 3s. 6d.] Quhilk wes delyuerit to James Ros, thesaurer. Collectioun of the sessioun for St. Jhonestoun.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus furneis and delyuer to the foure fowle clengeris in the mwre euerie ane of thame ane jowpe of blak with a . . . of quhyte clayth sewit about the sam for designing and knawing of thame be vtheris. Fowle clengeris.

24 *May* 1585.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to furneis all necessaris to thame that ar steiket vp in the Watter of Leyth that hes nocht of thair awin, vpoun the townes charges, quhill forther ordour be tayne. Als ordanis the wadget men at the ports to be dischairget and foure nychtboures thair day about to be put to the Nether Bow and four to the West Port for attending vpoun the persouns passing in and owt thairat. Watter of Leyth, ports keiping.

Inrespect the bailyeis ar daylie and nychtlie occupeit vpoun the effairis of the toun, speciallie for suppressing of the seiknes and helping the puir and seik, and for dyuers vther caussis moving thame, fynds it expedient that the testimonialls be gevin vnder the subscriptioun of the commoun clerk and signet allanerly, without the subscriptioun of the bailyeis. Testimonialls.

26 *May* 1585.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus set vp ane gibet in the maist convenient place of the Wester Mwir. Gibet on the mwre.

Agreit with Jhonn Forest, cordiner, porter of the Kirk of Feild Port, and conduceit him to serue in the clene mwre as ane clene clenger with ane man and ane woman vpoun his chairges for quhome he sall ansuer, for the quhilk thai promis him the sowme of ten pund, monethlie, induring his seruice; and appoynts Androw Sclater, thesaurer, William Littill, Alexander Vddert, and Jhonn Watt, to gif and set down to him the ordour of his seruice to be maid and done in the said mwre. Forest, clene clenger.

Watche in the mwre, fowle men, ports.

Appoynts and ordanis Henry Nesbet, William Naper, Jhonn Watt, Alexander Yddert, George Smyth, to convene and confer with thre watchemen in the mwre, and to agrie with thame for fyve pund, monethlie, ilk persoun for thair wedges, and gif thai will nocht be content heirwith to speir owt vthers to serue in thair rowme and report on Fryday. Alswa that thai speik the fowle clengeris and schaw that thai suld sustene thameselffs vpoun thair awin wedges and sall be furneist thairvpoun in all necessaris be the town. And alswa, for dyuers caussis moving thame, ordanis and appoyntis that Jhonn Sclater for the Nether Bow and Androw Thomesoun for the West Port sall remayne and keip watche and attendance daylie vpoun the persouns and guidis cumand and brocht in or owt at the sam, and to haif ilk day for thair seruice threttie penneis ilk persoun quhill thai be dischairget.

St Marie chapell, puir young anes.

Appoynts Gawin Peirie, masoun, James Wod, baxter, Thomas Wod, wrycht, Jhonn Stevinsoun, wobster, to visy the chaipell in St. Mary Wynd, that the sam may be provydet for placeing thairin the puir young anes of v or vj yeir awld quha lyes nychtlie in the buith wyndois and durris.

Henrysoun, pensioun.

Comperit James Henrysoun, chirurgeane, and oblist himselff to pas and visie the haill persouns quha sall happin to be infectit with the seiknes of pestilence or suspect thairof and gif his trew jugement to the magistrats in decerning the said seiknes fra all vther seiknes at all tymes quhen he sall be requyret thairto be day or be nicht. And siclyke to pas and visite all the hospitalls of this burgh, and the puir quha sall happin to be seik or sair, laymet or hurt, within the libertie and fredome of this burgh, of quhat seiknes or disease that euir the samyn be, quhome the kirk or counsall sall fynd guid to be helpitt, and sall imploy his cure in his airt of chirurgie, doing his diligence and lawbour to cure, haill, and releif thame of the said sairis, seiknessis, hurts, wounds, or diseassis, the towne alwayes furnesing the vngnents, drogs, implasteris and vther mendicaments vpoun thair chairges and expenssis, to be ministrat be him and applyet to the said puir. For the quhilks caussis the said bailyeis, counsall, and deykins, grantis, gevis, and disponis to the said James ane yeirlie stipend or pensioun of twenty punds vsuall money of this realme

to be payet to him furth of the reddiest of the commoun rent of this burgh induring all the dayes of his lyfetyme. Henrysoun, pensioun.

28 *May* 1585.

The bailyeis and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, and vnderstanding be maister Robert Rollok and maister Duncane Nairne, maisters of the College, that the haill students, throw the feir and bruit of the pestilence, hes left the scholes and thairby thai haif nathing to do, desyring thairfore licence of the town to depairt and visy thair freinds for a seasoun, offerand to returne to thair cuir and seruice quhensoeuir the towne sall think expedient, vpoun aduertisement to be maid in thair names be maister Alexander Guthre thair clerk. Quhilk desyre the said bailyeis and counsall thocht resonabill, and thairfor willinglie grantet and consentet thairto. Maisteris of the college.

In respect of the multitude of puir incressing in the mwre and in the towne, quhome it behoveth to be sustenit vpoun the townis chairges or ellis to pereis in famyne, thairfore fynds it maist expedient and necessar and agreis and consents that the bailyeis fynd owt and provyde ane sufficient qualefeit persoun to distribute the sustentatioun in meitt and drynk to the seik folk and vther neidy persouns in the mwre quha hes nocht of their awin. Distributer to the puir.

Gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, to intreat and agrie with the clerk of the kirk to remayne and serue in his office nochtwithstanding this perrilous tyme, for the augmentatioun of ten pund of stipend yeirly induring his seruice and the tyme of Michael Marioribankis, and gif he refuissis the bailyeis and counsall will provyde and forsie for ane sufficient man for his place. Clerk of the Kirk.

Fyndis expedient, agreit, and consentet that the bailyeis caus tak the puir chyldrein that lyes in the streits and buith wyndois and caus thame be putt in the chaipell in St. Mary Wynd, thair to be sustenit vpoun the townis chairges. Puir children, St. Mary Wynd.

Robert Bynning producet ane commissioun fra the Kings Grace for executioun of the acts of parliament concerning the beggares, direct to the guid toun. Commissio Regis, beggers.

1 *June* 1585.

Precept, thesaurer, breid and drynk, wedges, kettil, gownis.

Ordanet the said thesaurer for a moneth in to cum, of his awin consent, to furneis the mvnitioun, breid and drynk, pay the commoun seruands thair wedges, and to mak all vther chairges necessar in the mwre the said space, and in the meynetyme quhill the mwnitioun sall be reddy the bailyeis to provyde and caus furneis quhair the samyn may be maist commodiouslie had, and the thesaurer to resaue the compt thairof and mak payment for the samyn. Als the said thesaurer to get ane small kettill for clengeing of the pepill and to mak foure gownis to serue the puir in thair clengeing quhill thair awin claythis be dry that ar clengeit.

Steiland fowle geir.

Ordanis the man quha wes tayne steilland sum fowle geir vpoun the mwre to be put to assyse, and beand convict that he be execut and hangeit in the mwre for the sam.

2 *June* 1585.

Paislay.

The foresaidis bailyeis, dene of gild, and ane parit of the counsall being convenit, appoyntet Henry Nesbet, bailyie, with Dauid Williamsoun, Alexander Owsteane and George Smyth, to pas to my lord provest and schaw him of the townis mynd toward the abbacie of Paislay, and appoynts William Fairlie and the dene of gild to pas to maister Jhonn Scherp and caus forme the security for making ane abbot, and the said William to caus warne the deykins agane Fryday to gif thair consultatioun gif thai will accept the provisioun of it to ane persoun to be abbot or nocht, and thairafter gif thai will pas to the Kings Grace and desyre ather to gif the town the gift as it beis fornit that way and than presentet, or ellis that thai will gif it ower.

4 *June* 1585.

Neische, pestilence.

Ordanet the bailyeis to tak ordour with Matho Neische, flescheour, quha had falsly bruitet the town in the cuntrey of the vehemencie of the pestilence.

Paislay.

Henry Nesbet, and thai that wer directit with him to my lord provest, reportit that his lordschips ansuer wes that he desyret the town

to nominat sex persouns and his lordschip wald lawbour at the Kings Graces hands to obtene the gift of Paislay to ane of thame in the townis name. And thairfore the said counsall and deykins nominat thir persouns, viz., William Naper, Androw Sclater, William Fairlie, Nicoll Vddert, William Harvy, Jhonn Watt. Paislay.

8 *June* 1585.

The foresaidis bailyeis, dene of gild, and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, ordanet James Ros, thesaurer, to caus mak ane traveis of tymmer at the Grayfreir port besyd the nether entres to the buriall, be the avyse of the bailyeis, for keiping of the fowle geir, and the expenssis thairof to be allowet in his compts. Sielyk ordanis him to furneis quheitt to Jhonn Borthuik for sustening the puir on the mwre and to pay him all byganes. Precept, thesaurer, traveis, Borthwik.

9 *June* 1585.

[Ordained the following sums to be allowed in the treasurer's accounts:—] Gevin to ane man that past to the minister of the Brig of Haillis and Lynlythqw to cum to this towne, viij s.; item, the secund tyme to the minister of Lynlythqw, vj s. viij d.; item, the thrid tyme sent Jhonn Cossar, officer of airmis, to charge the minister of Lynlythqw with the Kings lettres to cum to be minister of Edinburgh, xxvj s. viij d.; item, for sending for the minister of Selkirk callit maister Michaell Cranstoun, and his expenssis the tyme that he remaneit heir v li.; item, to ane man that passit to Angus with lettres of the Kings Maiesties to maister James Balfour to cum and preiche heir at Edinburgh, xx s.; item, at the visiting of St. Nicolas Chaipell besyde Leyth, at the counsalls command, quhair the lantren is bigging to gif licht to the heavin, to the warkmen, vj s. viij d.; item, to twa puir wemen quha wer in extreme necessity and schortlie thairafter depairtet, viij s. Small debursements.

12 *June* 1585.

[The bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] at the airnist desyre and requeist of Jhonn Towris, of Innerleyth, and to schaw beneuolence and guid nychtbourheid vnto him, willis, grantis and consentis that his tennents at the West Port and Potterraw quha ar infectit with this present plaig of pestilence, be resauet and placeit vpoun ane seuerall place in the commoun Laird of Innerleyth.

Laird of Innerleyth.

mwre to be designit and appoyntet vnto thame be the bailyeis, vpoun the conditiouns and provisiouns alwayes to be contenit in ane obligatioun and band to be maid and subscryuet be the laird of Innerleyth to the town, off the quhilk the tenour followis :—Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres. Maister Jhonn Towris of Innerleyth; forswamekill as the richt honorabill the bailyeis, counsall and deykins of the burgh of Edinburgh hes grantet privelege and licence to me of ane pairt of thair commoun mure of the said burgh for placeing of sum seik persouns in the pestilence dwelland within my bounds of Potterraw and Westport, quhilk tollerance I resaue as ane benefite of thair guid will, be vertew of the quhilk licence I bind and oblis me and my airis to acclame na richt nor propertie to the said mure in tymes cuming bot onelie tollerance thairof induring the touns will allanerlie, and sall caus furneis all sic persouns as sall happin to dwell within my bounds to be placeit on the said mwre, in meitt, drink, clengeris, watchemen and all vther necessars, during thair remaning on the said mwre, on myne and the saidis persouns awin expenssis, and sall be na forther burdenabill to the guid toun bot tollerance of thair mwre allanerlie. Be this my obligatioun, subscryuet with my hand, at Innerleyth, the xvij day of June 1585, before thir witnessis, Adame Ethingtoun, Jhonn Stenhop, Andro Touris and George Mak, my seruands. *Et sic subscribitur:* Jhoann Touris of Innerleyth.

Nychtbouris pilleit be Flissiners.

Appoyntis Henry Nesbet, bailyie, the dene of gild, Alexander Vddert, Henry Blyth and Thomas Myller, to pas to the Abbay to the Kings Grace and to my lord provest to meyne and lament the caus of our nichtbouris Frances Tennent and Vmphra Gray, quha ar laitlie pilleit of thair guidis be the Flissiners and vtheris, and to travell of sic guid redres as may be had thairfore.

14 *June* 1585.

Imbassadouris of Denmark.

The bailyeis and thesaurer and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, fyndis it maist expedient for the honour of the towne that the spyce and the wyne be propynet and gevin to the imbassadouris of Denmark laitlie arryvet within this realme, and the bailyeis, with James Adamsoun, the thesaurer, Dauid Williamsoun, Alexander Owsteane, Henry Blyth, Thomas Myller, with sic vthir of the counsall and honest

nychtbouris of the toun as thai pleis to tak with thame, to welcum the saidis imbassadouris. Imbassadouris of Denmark.

16 *June* 1585.

The foresaids bailyes, dene of gild and [council,] in consideratioun that it wes agreit to mak ane fynall appoyntment with maister Robert Pont, twicheing his rycht of the prouestrie of the Trinitie College, according to ane act maid the xxv day of Marche last, and be the report of the persouns appoyntet to mak the said agrement that it is fynallie endet be word with him to the setting doun of the sam in writt, and that thair suld be payet to him the sowme iij^c merk at the ending of the contract, and yeirlie induring his lyfetyme the sowme of [*blank;*] quhilk at lenth will be ane mater verray proffitabill to the town and helpfull to the college and yit hes bene neglectit sen the said day, thairfor fynds it most expedient that the sam be endet in writt within a xv dayes; and gevis commissioun to William Fairlie, Dauid Williamsoun and George Smyth to caus forme the contract, and ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to avance and deburse the said sowm of iij^c merk to the said maister Robert at the ending of the said contract, quhilk sall be allowet in his compts; and ordanis the deykins to be wairnit agane Setterday after the prayers to heir the said contract and gif thair consent thairto and for taking ordour to send the sam to the said maister Robert and to gett ane gift of the said provestrie subscryuit be the Kings Grace. Anent the Trinity College.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that na seruands pas or repair within the towne of Leyth without thai be in cumpany of thair maisters or sum honest nychtbouris that will ansuer for thame, vnder the payne to be imprisonet for xv dayes, to be fed with breid and watter allanerlie. Siclyk that na persouns vpoun any pretext or excuis pas to the West Mure, or repaire toward the lugeis, seik and suspect folkis, without speciall licence of the bailyeis had and obtenit thairto, vnder the payne to be incloset vpoun thair awin expenssis for the space of xx dayes. And that all maisters of houshaldis, men, wemen, and all vthers, quhair thair sall happin any persouns to be seik of ony kynd of disease, inclose thame selffis and mak incontinent aduertisement to the Statut, proclamatio, Leyth.

Statut, proclamatio, Leyth.

magestrats be the visitouris, officeris, or thair nixt nychtbouris, and fra thine cum nocht furth and repair amangs the Kings lieges without licence of the bailyeis or of the bailyie of thair quarter, and conceill nocht thair seiknessis, vnder the payne of deid. Als that nane be fund to haif to sell in the merkets or vther places any sybois, leiks, or vngyeouns induring this present pestilence, vnder the payne of banisment and tynsall of thair stufe.

Beggars, vagabundis.

Fynds it expedient that the bailyeis caus tak and putt in the thevis hoill all strang and sturdy beggares and all idill vagabunds quhill ordour be tayne for avoyding of thame furth of the toun, and the wemen beggares to be put in the chapell in St. Mary Wynd.

Luge for the munition, breid and drynk.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus big and mak ane sufficient hous in the mwre for keping of the breid and drynk prepairet to be distribute for the sustentatioun of the puir and seik on the said mwre. Siclyk nominat, maid, and constitute William Logane, messinger, to be distributer of the meitt and drynk to the puir folkis vpoun the mwre and within the toun quha ar indigent, seik, and incloset and suspect of pestilence, and that be the avyse and command of the bailyeis, every ane in thair quarters, as he sall resaue thair name and quantite of thair furnesing in roll; and inconsideratioun that the said office will be veray paynfull and chairgeabill to the said William, thairfore thay gif and grant vnto him the sowme of sex pund monethlie in name of stipend for his seruice ay and quhill forther ordour be tayne anent the said distributioun or quhill he be discharget be the guid toun.

Craig, ministers lugeing.

Agreit and consentit that maister Jhonn Craig, minister, haif the possessioun and occupatioun of the lugeing sumtyme occupeit be vmquhill maister James Lowsoun, minister; and ordanis the haveris of the keyis to delyuer the sam vnto him; and ordanis Jhonn Broun, collectour of the kirk annuellis, to pay to the said maister Jhonn the sowme of fyftie pund for ane quarters payment for his seruice in the kirk and ministry, quhilk sall be allowet to the said Jhonn in his compts.

Markets in Leyth, skynnis.

19 *June* 1585.

The foresaidis bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, [council and deacons

of crafts,] vnderstanding that thair is greitt merkets keipet and haldin within the towne of Leyth, of butter, cheis, meill and sielyk viuers, contrair to the priveleges of this burgh, thairfore they all agreit and consentit to pas down the nixt merket day and intromet with and vpbring all maner of guids brocht to the said merket. And ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to intromett with the haill skynnis, lamb skynis and futefaills and scheip skynnis quhilk ar had to Leyth and thair pakket and sawld. Markets in Leyth, skynnis.

Gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, [and three others] to pas to my Lady Arrane and compleyne vpoun the closing vp of the passage to the castell bank, and to desyre the sam to be reformit and maid patent to the nychtbouris as it wes of before. Castell bank.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh, chairgeing all persouns, burgessis or indwelleris of the sam, quha hes repairet within the toun of St. Jhonnestoun sen the xx day of Marche last or bocht ony guids or merchandice within the sam or within ten myillis thairabout or yitt hes intromettit with ony guids or merchandice cum fra the saids pairts, that thai present thameselffis to the magistrats of this burgh betuix this and Wednisday nixttocum, at x houris before none, notifie and declair be writt the tymes of thair passage and gif vp the inuentour of the saids guids, with the names of the persouns gif any be quha hes resauet the sam fra thame sensyne, with certificatioun to the saidis persouns quha failyeis heirinto and conceillis the sam the said day that thai sall tyne thair fredome, the saidis guids and merchandice or valour thairof sall be decernet escheitt, and thair bodeis pvnist at the will of the maiestrats as thai that hes contemnit this present ordinance and done that in thame lyis to cast this toun in forther daynger of seiknes. Proclamatio, St. Jhonnestoun, merchandice.

21 *June* 1585.

[The bailies and council] being convenit, fynds it maist expedient that the said Henry Nesbet, James Adamsoun and Henry Blyth pas to the Kings Grace in [*blank*] and declair the laitt trubill done be the pirats of Ingland to dyuers merchants of this realme and travell to obtene licence to reik owt ane schip or schips aganis Piracie, wairdouris, Quenis college.

Piracie, wairdouris, Quenis college.

thame, als to speik anent ane Myltoun in waird and the rest of the wairdouris inrespect of the present plaig, and siclyk anent the obtening of the gift of the provestrie of the Quenis College.

22 *June* 1585.

Piracie of Ingland.

The bailyeis, dene of gild, and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, fynds it maist expedient that incais Henry Nesbet, bailyie, with the persounis joynit with him in commissioun, according to the act before namet, obtene licence to any ships to pas furth aganis the pirats of Ingland, that thay lykways purches ane chairge to the provest and bailyeis of Dundie and Sanct Androis to haif twa schips and Leyth to haif ane, to be reiket furth vpoun the expenssis of the haill borrowis, and chairgeing the burrowes to that effect, or ony vther schips in the coist syde quha sall be thocht meitt thairfore, and gif this licence be obtenit that he himselff pas to Dundie and Sanct Androis and langis the coist for taking ordour heiranent and to aduerteis the counsall with diligence that Leyth may be chairget.

23 [*June*] 1585.

Knok bell.

The foresaid bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, vnderstanding that the new knok is maid reddie and prepairet, thairfore fynds it maist expedient that the samyn be sett vp, and the greitt bell quhairvpoun it strikis to be rayset hiear, be the avyse of Andro Sclater, William Littill, George Smyth and Henry Blyth.

Hadingtoun.

Ordanis ane lettre to be sent to the toun of Hadingtoun complening vpoun thair rigourous deilling with the toun and nychtbouris thairof, and of the fals report maid be certane of thair nychtbouris vpoun the toun, and directis Jhonn Mowbray with the said lettre.

Court of Leyth, port at the brig.

Fynds guid that ane bailyie pas to Leyth for keping the secund court anent the schawin of the euidents of the lands thair, and the port a tthe Brigend rayset be thame of the north syde be tayne down, and appoynts Andrew Sclater or James Nicoll to do the samyn.

Precept, collectouris, blind Jamie.

Ordanis the collectouris of the vnlawes, etc., to gif to Blynd Jame, or thame with quhome he lugeis, fyve schillings owlklie for his sustentatioun and halding him frome the gaitt, and to gif him a hardin sark.

25 *June* 1585.

Henry Nesbet, bailyie, exhibit ane lettre obtenit be him of the Kings Grace concerning pirracie of Ingland, quhairin his Grace declaret that he had direct sum of his counsell to speik the Inglis imbassadour thairanent, and promittet to grant the burrowis licence to set furth schips gif the Quene of Ingland tuik nocht ordour thairwith. Siclyk, producet ane signatour of the gift of the prouestrie of the Quenis College, quhilk signatour wes delyuerit to William M'Cairtnay.

Piracie of Ingland. Prouestrie of the Queenis-college.

The foresaid bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts, inconsideratioun that throw the vehemencie of the pest the number of the puir incressis daylie quhome the town mon ather sustene or suffer to periche for hunger, bayth in the mwre and in the toun, and that the commoun rent is bayth greitlie superexpendet and run in dett throw the Kings Graces seruice and presentlie gevis nathing, the commoun mylnis and customes lyand idyll, thairfor agreit, consentet and ordanet ane extent of ane thowsand pund to be sett vpoun the haill nichtbouris, merchants, craftismen and burgessis and occupearis within the burgh, for sustentatioun of the puir and neidie in the tyme of this seiknes and bigging of the lugeis on the mwre, payment of the wedget men and commoun seruandis, and vther charges of the town; als condiscendet that the sowme of ane thowsand merk wer tayne for annuell vpoun the commoun mylnis to the effect foresaid.

Extent of jm li, jm merk taking on the mylnis.

Inrespect that the nychtbouris ar past furth of the toun and hes left the samyn desolat and thair buithis and howssis in daynger of brekking be lymmers, thairfor fynds expedient that the bailyeis conduce and hyre the number of twenty four persouns to keip watche and gaird in the town day and nicht and to concure with the bailyeis in all vther effaires of the town, twelf of the saidis persouns to watche be day and twelf be nicht, and thai to haif of wedges thre pund monethlie ilk persoun.

Watche of feyet men.

30 *June* 1585.

[The bailies, dean of gild,] and maist pairt of the counsall being convenit, ordanet proclamatioun to be maid chargeing that na maner

Proclamatio, merkat places of coills, &c.

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of persouns quha bringis any fische, coillis or herbis, or any vther viures in this burgh, that thai pas nocht to any particulare howssis or cloissis bot allanery that thai resort and place thame selffis and thair stufe in the commoun mercats, that is to say the salt and herbis at the salt trone, the fische in the awld fische mercat, and the coills fra Todrikis Wyndheid to Bassendenis Land on the sowth syde of the town, thair to be sawld and in na vther places, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of thair stufe, and to be gevin up and declairet to the bailyeis and magestrats quhair thai dwell that thai be nocht resauet hame agane.

Precept, thesaurer, kist, luges, waterbereris.

Ordanis the havie beir or kist maid be the thesaurer to be tayne and imployet in the mwre and a new licht kist of sawin daillis to be maid for seruing the town to the burriall of the infectit persouns, and ordanis the said thesaurer to produce and hyre the biggers and makers of the lugeis and gif thame xvj s. for thair wark for ilk ludge and nocht to pay thame owlklie wedges; siclyk, ordanis the said thesaurer to pay to the watter berers quha assistet to quenche the fyre rayset in Jhonn Kerris howse at clengeing the sowm of fourty schillings and to resaue the sam againe of the said Jhonn, and gif he refuses that he be callet for passing furth of his hous after he wes commandet in.

2 *July* 1585.

Leyth, men of Air, merkat.

Fynds it maist expedient for mayntenance of the liberteis of this burgh that the guids of the men of Air presentlie in Leyth be brocht up and pakkit within this burgh and nocht in Leyth, and als hes agreit all to pas doun to Leyth for staying of the merkets haldin thair on Mononday nixt.

8 *July* 1585.

Lugeis.

For guid ordour in the mwre, staying of the infectioun, and keping of the clene fra the fowle, fynds it maist expedient that all the fowle lugeis, fowle folk, and fowle geir be placeit be eist the greitt fowle luge, quhilk is at Purvessis Acres, and the clene folk, thair lugeis and geir to be west the samyn; and swa sone as any infectioun aryses in the clene mwre the separatioun to be maid incontinent, the seik and thair guids to be had to the fowle mwre, the haill with thair luge to be

clengeit immediatlie. Attour, fynds expedient inrespect of the greit charges that the town is put to in the drynk quhilk is of les necessitie, that the samyn be browin thynner as cumis to threttie twa gallouns the boll, and according thairto agreit presentlie with James Scot, Patrik Thomsoun and Issobell Ry for brewing of the samyn to the said quantite, and thai to haif of the town ten schillings for the brewing of ilk boll. Drink.

9 *July* 1585.

The foresaids bailyeis, counsall and deykins, calling to mynd the greitt expenssis and chairges maid be thame vpon thair College besyde the Kirk of Feild, as alswa foirseing the greitt commoditie and proffeitt that be Gods grace sall insew of that guid wark, nocht onelie to the inhabitants of this burgh bot alswa to the haill kingdome, be the flwrissing of lettres and instructioun of the yowth, now far decayet within the rest of this realme, thinks it mete and maist necessar thairfore that sum honest, wyse, and discreitt nichtbour of this burgh be appoyntit maister of wark and owersear of the effairis of the said College, quha sall be comptabill to the provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of this burgh for the dewteis and proffeits that is or sall happin heirafter be fund pertening to the said College; and thairfore all in ane voice names and appoynts Androw Sclater, burges of this burgh, to the said office during all the dayes of his lyfetyme, for the quhilks paynis and travellis he sall haif yeirlie ane pensioun of the sowme of ane hundreth merks . . . . provyding alwayes it sall nocht be lesum to the said Androw to refuse any vther office or burding laid to his chairge be the guid toun for the glorie of God, the Kings Maiesties seruice and the weilfair of this burgh. Sclater, maister of wark to the college, pensioun.

14 *July* 1585.

Ordanis lettres to be sent to my lord provest, to Alexander Clerk, and to the towne of Dundie to travell that for the weill of the estait of burrowes and honour of the realme the imbassadouris of Denmark may be mair honerablie interteneit and better luiket vpoun. Imbassadouris of Denmark.

16 *July* 1585.

Forswamekill as it appertenis properlie to the priveleges of fric Proclamation anent the tred in Leyth.

Proclamatio anent the tred in Leyth.

burghis to haif the topping, selling, and vseing and exerceing of merchandice and to nane vtheris, lykeas it is speciallie be acts of parliament and speciall priveleges of this burgh provydet that na maner of staipill guids suld be howset, pakket, peillet, ventit, toppit or sawld within the vnfrie toun of Leyth, nochttheles dyuers persouns, burgessis of this burgh, inhabitants of Leyth and vthers, vnder cullour of the present visitatioun and seiknes, hes tayne vpoun thame to do and attempt incontrar the saidis acts and priveleges, thairfore ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this schore and toun of Leyth inhibiting and dischairgeing all maner of persouns, burgessis of this burgh, or vtheris, frie or vnfrie, to tak vpoun hand to howse, pak, peill, top, vent or sell any maner of staipill guids and merchandice within the said toun of Leyth, or vse the liberteis belanging to ane frie burgh, or vsing of any handie craft or tred preiudiciall to the liberties of this burgh, vnder the payne of escheitt of the guids and pvnisement of the persouns awners thairof at the will and discretioun of the provest, bailyeis, and counsell of this burgh.

21 *July* 1585.

Bureing in the mwre.

Ordanis that nane be bureit in the mwre bot be the beir and nocht careit vpoun mennis bakis or sledis for sweirnes of the buriares.

23 *July* 1585.

Smythtie and the rest of the seruands in the mwre.

For the offences committet be Smythtie, fowle hangman, ordanis him to be layet in the irins in the mwre and bund to the gibbet thairof quhill forther ordour be tayne with him, and appoyntis William Harvie, bailyie, William Fairly, George Smyth and the dene of gild, to pas and sie the samyn done; and als to discharge all the rest of the seruands in the mwre that will nocht serue as thai ar commandet be the bailyeis, and ordanis that na stipend be payet thame quhill compt be tayne of thair bygane seruice gif thai haif meritet the samyn.

Wikkers, fowlemen.

Ordanis that the fowle clengers in the mwre haif ilk ane ane stafe with a wikker at the heid, and the stafe to be ane elne abone thair heid, and appoynts William Fairly to sie the samyn done.

Wikkers, fowlemen.

28 *July* 1585.

Ordanis William Fairly to caus send to Henry Nesbet, bailyie, to Sayncta ndrois the procuratioun for dimissioun of the provestrie of the Trinitie college in favouris of the guid town, that the said Henry may gett the rychtis thairof past and owtred; and ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to the said maister Robert Pont the sowme of thrie hundreth merkis promittet to him for the said dimissioun according to the contract maid betuix him and the guid towne. Pont, Trinitie College.

4 *August* 1585.

Fynds it expedient, statutes and ordanes that quhen any persoun is brocht in of the mwre and resaues the key of his howse that he sall remayne thairin amangs his geir and handill the samyn the space of xv dayes befoir he haif libertie to pas in the hie streits. Statute.

10 *August* 1585.

The foresaid bailyeis and a pairt of the counsall ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chairgeing that na maner of persouns induring the tyme of this present pestilence, aither men or wemen, tak vpoun hand to hald any conventiouns at the close heids, Kowgaitt, and hie streits, be evin or be day, as thai commonelie do, quhairby infectioun daylie aryses, dischairgeing all conventioun of huseis and wemen in speciall and all sic vther idill persouns quha hes nocht chairge or licence of the bailyeis, bot onelie to convene at kirk and merket and to na vthair places and tymes, vnder the payne to be incloset in thair howssis vpoun thair awin charges for the space of ane moneth and forther pvnist in thair boddis and guids at the will of the magestrats. Proclamatio, gadderings.

18 *August* 1585.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus sett vp the ruif of the beidmenis howse of the Trinitie College, repair and theik the samyn and intromett with the daillis being thairin quhilk ar xxvij in number, as the said thesaurer declairet, and with all vther materialles and to put in fir geists within the samyn. Thesaurer, Trinity College.

Patrik Robiesoun and Allane Flemyng, fleschoures, accuset for selling Robesoun, Flemyng pvnist.

Robesoun, Flemyng pvnist.

of suspect flesche and misvsing ane honest woman quha fand falt with thair evill flesche, com in will thairof, and thairfoir ar ordanet to put to the croce and a paper in thair heid and oblist nocht to do the lyke vnder the payne of banisement.

25 *August* 1585.

Officeris.

Fynds it expedient that Thomas West, George Wyllie, James Ramsay and Jhonn Kessen be resauet for aucht dayes or thairby to serue in the place of the officeris that ar seik, incloset or inlaiket.

Craig, minister.

Appoyntis William Littill to pas and speik with maister Jhonn Craig, minister, to sie gif he will tak vpoun him to teach twyse in the owlk inrespect the toun is presentlie destitute of ministers.

27 *August* 1585.

Pest.

Grantis that it sall be lesum to any honest nychtbour quha is habill to mak guid for his guid behaviour to transport himselff to ane vnsuspect and clene howse careing nathing with thame, the seik and suspect guids alwayes passand to the mwre.

Commissio, Williamsoun, Myller.

Fynds it expedient that Thomas Myller and Dauid Williamsoun be direct to the Kings Grace to impetrat lettres for calling in of the counsall and deykins agane the tyme of the electioun of the new counsall and magestrats.

3 *September* 1585.

Boxe in the clerkis chalmer.

Fynds it expedient that the boxe of the clerkis chalmer be oppinit and sichtit, and inrespect of the necessitie of the puir in the hospitall that the money thairof be tayne furth and imployet for thair support, and appoyntis William Harvie, bailyie, and Androw Sclater to pas to the same, and the said bailyie to resaue the money thairof and gif ane pairt thairof owlklie to Jhonn Stevinsoun, wobster, to be distributet to the bedrellis quhilk had the kirks almous.

10 *September* 1585.

Buriall translatet, precept, gild.

The foresaid bailyeis and counsall, with the dene of gild and thesaurer, and Thomas Bruce, deykin of the cordiners, Jhonn Stevinsoun, deykin of the wobsteris, being convenit, considerand the evill bruit

of ane misbehaviour toward the deid committet daylie be the buriares, quhome the bailyies can nocht owersie without greitt daynger, thairfore the maist pairt fynds that the buriall be transportet to the nether yaird of the Hie Kirk for a seasoun, and ordanis the dene of gild to caus mak ane dure and entres in the kirkhewch to the samyn. Buriall translatet, precept, gild.

17 *September* 1585.

Henry Nesbet and William Nesbet, bailyeis, Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, James Ros, thesaurer, William Littill, Androw Sclater, George Smyth, tailyeour, of the counsall, and Jhonn Stevinsoun, deykin of the wobsteris, remembring that sen the begynning of this present pestilence thay haif remanet within this burgh constantlie, sustenand the burding of the offices laid vpoun thame vnto this hour, with the lose and deyth for the maist pairt of dyuers of thair childrein, seruands, and familie, and nocht without the extreyme daynger of thair awin lyffes, maist eminentlie knawin vnto all men, the rest of thair brether of the counsall and deykins, quha wer na les astrictet, oblist, and sworne to assist and tak cair of this commoun weill, having desertet thair places and forsaikin thair offices, contrair to thair aythis and allegeance maid and gevin, and yitt continuand hes nocht repairet to this burgh at this maist necessar tyme approcheand and appoyntit to convene and surrogat vtheris in thair rowm, quhairby the haill estaitt of this burgh is apperand to fall in confusioun, thairfore the said bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer and counsall, considerand that this day is appoyntet to the nominatioun of the lytes of the deykins of crafts for the yeir to cum, fynds it maist expedient, nocht-withstanding the absence of the rest of the counsall and deykins, to obserue the tyme appoyntet, and for thair pairt to dischairge thair dewteis and proceed to the said nominatioun, and thairfore hes nominatet and electit the persouns followand to be lytes of the deykins of crafts, to witt, . . . Lyttis of the deykins electit.

Fynds it expedient that the foure Flemyngs clengeoures and cureris of the pest sall be sustenit vpoun the townis expenssis for the space of xv dayes, begynnand yisterday, to gif pruif of thair knawlege and airt, to the effect the towne may be forther perswadet of thair help and support of this contagious seiknes, and ordanis Henry Nesbet to Flemyng clengeares.

Flemyng clengeares.

deburse thair necessars during that tyme, and James Aikman to be caitour and furnesar to thame, and the towne to consider him for his paynis, and Mungo Braidies howse to be maid patent to thame with the guids thairin and oppin duris to be maid to that effect.

22 *September* 1585.

Laird of Braid, Littill Egipt.

The said bailyeis and counsall and deykins quha were present, vnderstanding that Robert Fairlie of Braid, for the favour and luif he beris to the guid toun and of his awin guid will, hes frelie grantet and consentit to len his howssis callit Littill Egipt besyde the commoun mwre for brewing thairin of the drink to the folkis in the mwre and sic necessar vsis as the toun hes found guid to imploy the samyn, thairfore the said bailyeis, counsall and deykins, acknawlegeing this his guid will as ane singulare guid benefite schawin and done to the commoun weill in tyme of necessitie, amangs many vther stedabill plesures, freindschips and guid nychtbourheids, and willing that this sall nocht turn to his hurt and preiudice, hes promist, bund and oblist, lykeas thai be thir presents promissis and faythfullie binds and oblissis thame and thair successoures to thankfullie rander and delyuer to the said Robert Fairly of Braid, his aires and successoures, the saidis howssis at quhat tyme soeuir he or thai sall requyre the same, in als guid estaitt and conditioun as thai wer at the resaving of thame.

Henrysoun, extent frie.

For the guid and thankfull seruice done and schawin to the guid towne be James Henrysoun, chirurgeane, at this tyme of pestilence, in visitatioun of the seik at all tymes be day or be nycht, and geving his guid counsall, assistance and fortificatioun thairinto, in samekill that throw his guid care and diligence he spairet nocht the hasard of his awin lyfe and contracted the said seiknes in his awin body with the lose and deyth of his wyfe in the sam diseise of pestilence, and to the effect that he may haif the better occasioun to continew in schawin of his guid will and seruice to the guid towne in tymes cuming, and that vthers by his guid exampill may be provoket to do the lyke heirafter, thay ar mouet to be thankfull vnto him, and thairfore be thir presents thai haif exemit and exemis him for all the dayes of his lyfe fra all payment of any pairt of

the extents, taxatiouns, impositiouns, or contributiouns to be sett, imposet, or rayset vpoun this burgh and the inhabitants thairof any maner of way. Henrysoun, extent frie.

24 *September* 1585.

Maister Alexander Guthre, commoun clerk of this burgh, with avyse and consent of the said bailyeis and counsall, namet and constitute maister Dauid Guthre his depute in the said office quhill he be dischairget, and dischairget all vther deputes maid of before except William Stewart, younger, and the said maister Dauid acceptet and gaf his ayth. Guthre, clerkis depute.

5 *October* 1585.

[Certain of the bailies, council and deacons of crafts] being convenit in absence of the rest to elect the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesaurer for the yeir to cum, furth of the lytes nominat thairto, be thair maniest votes electit and nominat William Littill, provest. And thairafter Henry Nesbet, bailyie, producet our Souerane Lords lettres gevin vnder his Graces signet and subscriptioun, of the quhilk the tenour followis:— Electioun of provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesaurer.

JAMES, be the grace of God King of Scots, to our louits [*blank*] messengeris, our shereffis in that pairt, speciallie constitute, greting. Forswamekill as the ordinare tyme of electing of magestrats within our burgh of Edinburgh now approcheis, and inrespect of the pestilence quhairwith ane greitt pairt of the inhabitants of our said burgh is infectit, at the plesure of God, sum of the bailyeis, counsall, and vtheris officeris thairof being alreddie depairtit this lyfe, it is maist necessar that sic persouns be chosin in provest, bailyeis, and counsall of our said burgh for the yeir to cum as ar knawin to be godlie, honest, and maist cairfull and weill willing to seik the saiftie and preseruatioun of the same frome the dayngeris quhairinto it is now subiect, as it sall be Gods guid will and plesure; oure will is heirfore and we chairge yow straitlie and commands that incontinent thir our lettres sene ye pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge the present counsall of our burgh to convene within the samyn, or sum pairt of the fredom thairof quhair it sall be appoyntet and thocht meatest be our traist cousing and counsalour James Erle of Arrane Lord Avane and Hammiltoun, oure chancellare, Letter from the King.

Electioun of provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesaurer. Letter from the King.

present provest of our said burgh, and thair to cheise the new counsall for the yeir to cum, and thairafter proceid to the nominatioun of the lytes, and consequently that ye command and chairge the awld and new counsall and deykins of craftis to proceid to the chesing of thair ordinare magestrats and officeris for the yeir to cum, that is to say oure said chancellare in provest, and sic persouns in bailyeis, thesaurer, deyne of gild, and ordinare counsall of our said burgh as he sall nominat and advyse thame according to our directioun given to that effect, within [*blank*] houris next after thai be chairget be yow thairto, vpoun the ordinare dayes accustomat to that effect, vnder the payne of rebellioun and putting of thame to our horne, with certificatioun to thame and thai failyie vthers our lettres sall be direct simpliciter to putt thame to our horne and escheitt and inbring all thair movebill guids to our vse for thair contemptioun, as ye will ansuer to ws thairvpoun; the quhilk to do we committ to yow coniunctlie and seuerally our full power be thir our lettres, delyuering thame be yow dewlie execut and indorsat agane to the berer. Gevin vnder our signet, and subscryuet with our hand, at Stirveling, the xxij day of September and of our regne the nynetein yeir, 1585. *Sic subscribitur;* JAMES, R., DRYBURGH, THIRLSTAYNE. Quhilk lettres beand red and considerit, the said bailyeis and counsall enterit to voting of new, and for obedience thairof and eschewing of the paynis thairin contenit, electit and nominat and constitute the said nobill lord, James Erle of Arrane, chancellare, to be provest of the said burgh for the yeir to cum. And William Logane, messinger, comparand be our Souerane Lordis lettres discharget thame to elect William Naper and Alexander Vddert to be bailyeis. And the said bailyeis and counsall proceding to the electioun of the bailyeis, inrespect of the will and mynd of the said Erle of Arrane thairanent, schawin and declairet be Henry Nesbet, bailyie, thay nominatt votet and electit William Naper, William Fairlie, Dauid Williamsoun and Jhonn Wilkyne to be bailyeis and Nicoll Vddert to be dene of gild and James Inglis in thesaurer for the yeir to cum.

Commissioners to provest. Duik of Lenox.

Gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet and Thomas Aikinheid to pas to ane nobill lord, James Erle of Arrane, and schaw to his lordship that he is of new electit provest of this burgh, and at his lordships desire thai

haif electit William Naper, William Fairlie, Dauid Williamsoun, Jhonn Wilkyne, bailyeis, Nicoll Vddert, dene of gild, James Inglis, thesaurer, and thairfore to desyre his lordship to tak ordour that thai may accept thair offices, that the towne be nocht left desolatt. Sielyke gevis thame commissioun to the saidis persouns to convene with the commissioners of the Duik of Levenox and thair to agrie with thame vpoun the dimissioun of the townis rycht of Paislay for the sowme of twenty thowsand merks at the leist to be payet to the towne according to ane contract formet thairvpoun.

Commissioners to provest, Duik of Lenox.

For governament of the town in absence of the new electit magestrats, Henrie Nesbet and James Nicoll agreit to owersie the town call and ordour the watches for the owlk, and Frances Tennent and Jhonn Gourlaw for the nixt owlk, and James Henrysoun and Jhonn Thomesoun for the thrid owlk.

Governing the toun in absence of the bailyeis.

15 *October* 1585.

Appoyntis William Fairlie to pas to the cowrt for obtening the towne dischairget of the raid appoyntet aganis the Lord Maxwell.

Fairlie, raid, dischairgeing.

20 *October* 1585.

[Several acts passed in relation to the pest, providing for the appointment of quarter masters and cleansers and the removal of the sick and convalescent.]

Pest.

Finding that the middingis, mwk, and fylth in the commoun clossis, vinellis, ald wallis, and wtheris places out of houssis, and sielyk raggis and clouttis lyand in the said places, is dangerous and ane occasioun of infectioun, thairfoir ordanis the baillies or quarter masteris to gif the same to sic persouns as will clenge, dycht and remove the said fulye, raggis and clouttis, vpone thair awin expenssis.

Clenging of the vinellis streittis.

22 *October* 1585.

Ordanis ane proclamatioun to be maid throw the toun and att the peir of Leyth, commanding all and quhatsumeuir personis, heretouris, lyfrentaris, tennentis and occupearis of all foull and infectet houssis within this burgh, airis and executouris of the saidis personis, gif thair ony be or ony wtheris haweand or pretendant to haue entres to the guidis and geir within the saidis houssis, that thai and ilk ane of thame repair to this toun betuix and this day fyftene dayis nixt and caus the said houssis,

Oppin durris for clenging of houssis.

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guidis and geir thairin to be clenget, with certificatioun to thame and thai failye, the saidis day being bypast, the baillie and quarter maisteris to mak opon durris, yettis, kistis and wther lokfastlomes, and clenge the saidis houssis guidis and geir thairin vpone the awners expenssis.

Napir, baillie, to Stirling for Carnis.

Inrespect the toun is destitute of ane redar, ordanis William Naper, baillie, to pas to the Kingis Majestie at Stirling and to mene this caus to his Grace, and to desyre that Johne Carnis, minister, may be sufferit to returne to this toun for seruing in the said place, and in cais of refuis to crave that maister Michaell Cranstoun or Williame Aird may be haid, bot to declair to his Majestie that the pepill is all bent vpone Johne Carnis, and siclyk to trauell with the prouest to the same effect.

27 *October* 1585.

Kingis Maiesties wryttingis.

Comperit Williame Fairlie, baillie, and producet tua wryttingis, ane direct be the Kingis Maiestie to the baillie and counsall and ane wther fra the prouest to the toun, desyring thame to keip straitlie thair toun becaus his Maiestie wes suirlie informit that his rebellis wer led out of Ingland and enterit in this cuntrey vpone na small intryprys, and thairfore the saidis baillies and counsall concludes to tak wp ane hundreth men for gairding of thair town.

3 *November* 1585.

Fourty souldiartis or watchemen.

Inrespect the toun hes nocht to pay the suddertis and watchemen, and becaus thai think thai may be seruet with ane smaller nummer, ordanis onlie to haue of the threscoir men* first aggreit vpoun fourty gude suddertis to gaird and watche the toun fra Setterday nicht.

5 *November* 1585.

Personis commandet to remane in thair houssis.

The baillies and counsall be experience knawin that ane grete nummer of personis partlie infectet and certane wtheris vpone suspicioun being commandit to remane in thair houssis cummis to the calsay and hes cumpany with thair nychtbouris, quhilk incressis the seiknes, thairfore ordanis ane proclamatioun to be maid throw this town that all clene personis that ar commandit to keip thair houssis that thai remane thairin

* By a deleted act, dated 29th October, it was thought "nocht expedient to have ane hundreth men to be wachemen but onlie threscoir men for keiping and wacheing of the toun."

during the tyme appoyntet vnder the pane of ane wnlaw of fywe pund or punising of thair personis in the yrnis at the judgis will, and sic as ar foull personis to be execut to the deid.

17 *November* 1585.

Ordanis that the said dene of gild sall caus close vp the entres of the nether kirk yaird and that the bailyeis caus the buriall to [be] translatet to the Grayfreir kirk yaird quhair it wes of before. Precept, gild, burial, kirk yaird.

[The bailies and council] requeistet and desyret maister Walter Balcanquell, minister, vpoun thair behalffis, to notifie, schaw and testifie in the conventioun of the ministrie to be haldin at Dunfermling the xxiij of this instant that this burgh beand destitute of thair awin ministeris, throw the trubill that araise in the kirk and beand visitite with the pestilence, maister William Watsoun, minister, exercit the office of ane pasture and teacher in the said burgh in all sincerity of doctryne and conversatioun, to the confort and contentment of the godlie, desyring thairfore that be authoritie, consent, and approuement of the ministrie, he may be associat to thair awin ministeris in exerceing his calling within the said burgh, for the said bailyeis and counsall as magestrats for thair pairts ar maist willing thairto, and recommendis the said maister William to the favour and benevolence of the brether. Watsoun, minister.

24 *November* 1585.

Names and constitutes Robert Ker, younger, and Thomas Aikinheid thair commissioneris to pas to the Kings Majestie and lords of secreitt counsall presentlie within the towne of Lynlythqw, and thair to declair quhow that this burgh wes presentlie destitute of ane provest, having greitt necessitie thairof efter this tyme of visitatioun and pestilence, neuirtheles thai wald nocht proceid to the electioun without his Maiesties avyse and knawlege, and thairfore to desyre his Maiesties guid will and favour to elect ane nichtbour and conburges of thair awin to beir that chairge as thai sall fynd maist meitt and qualefeyt to tak cair of this commoun weill, according to the ancient liberteis and priveleges grantet be his Graces predicessoures thairto; sielyke to obtene chairges to the Commissioneris, Paisley.

Commissioneris, Paislay.

towne to elect ane vther persoun to be bailyie in place of Dauid Williamesoun, with compulsitouris of horning and treasoun aganis the persoun electet to accept; siclyke to assist maister Michaell Chisholm in the effairis of Payslie; and this according to the particulare informatioun delyuerit to the said Robert.

Cowts hanget, Scott.

Fynds it expedient that the dome and sentence of hanging be gevin furth vpoun [*blank*] Cowts for the crymes that he is convict inrespect of his many transgressiouns, and that William Scott for his demerits be putt in the jogs for xxiiij houris.

Burieris, sledmen.

Gevis commissioun to Androw Sclater to speik the foure burialmen and twa sledmen and agrie for thair wedges and quhat ordour is maist expedient for tyme cuming.

26 *November* 1585.

Anent the ordour for guids in the houssis strukkin vp to clenge.

Appoynts and nominats Stevin Bannatyne, notar, to mak the inventoure of all guidis being in any suspect or infectit howssis quhilk sall be strukkin vp to clenge quhair the awneris or lands laird ar absent, and appoyntes Frances Loch, fowleman, to resaue the samyn vpoun cawtioun, and ane clene man to be fynd owt be his avyse vpoun cawtioun to intromett thairwith after it is clengeit, and thir persouns for thair paynes to haif twelf penneis of ilk punds worth of the said geir amangs thame, and thai to pay the hous clengeing, sleddis, and caldroun or kill, and the said geir to be valuat and estimat be the bailyie of the quarter or ane quarter maister thairof.

Streits clengeing.

Gevis commissioun to William Naper, Androw Sclater and Moyses Wallace and William Clavy to agrie with the sex warkmen to clenge the wynds and streitts of all filth, rags, and myddings.

1 *December* 1585.

Electing of ane new provest.

[The bailies, council, and deacons of crafts] being convenit be occasioun of ane lettre sent fra the Kings Grace to the bailyeis, counsell and deykins and vtheris havand vote in the electioun of the maiestrats within this burgh, quhairof the tenour followis:—Trest freynds we greitt yow weill. Respecting your provestis present estaitt and the necessitie of that office at this tyme within your towne for ordour taking with the remaynis

of this present plague and vtheris your effairis belanging to that chairge, we haif thocht it meitt to lett his absence be suppleyit be ane of your awin nychtbouris weill affectit to our seruice and cairful of your towne, and to that effect to recommend vnto your chois our weilbelouit William Littill, merchant, quha be former experience hes gevin ws guid occasioun to consaue weill of his honestie and sufficiencie alwayes for that publict chairge, desyring yow maist airnistly in that respect that immediatlie vpoun ressaitt of this ye faill nocht to convene swa mony as ar present having vote in the electioun of your magestrats, depose yowr present provest and elect the said William in his place to beare that chairge till the nixt Michaelmes. And for that we haif yeildet to latt Dauid Williamsoun, ane of your chosin bailyeis for this yeir, be exemit fra that seruice at this tyme, lett some vther weill affected nychtbouris be preferrit to his place, quhais electioun remitting to your selff we committ yow to Gods guid protectioun. Frome our Palaice of Lynlythqw, the xxvj of Nouember, 1585. *Et sic subscribitur;* JAMES, R. With the quhilk lettre being ryplie avyset, for obedience thairof thay depryvet and deposet James Erle of Arran, laitt provest, and in his place all in ane voice vottet, electit, nominat and chuse the said William Littill in provest of this burgh quhill the feist of Michaelmes next to cum.

Electing of ane new provest.

15 *December* 1585.

Fynds that be the occasioun of the pestilence and absence of the nichtbouris the kirk of this burgh to be destitute of eldares and deaconis, quha ar maist necessar members to be had at this present, and thairfor be avyse of maister Walter Balcanquell, minister, thinks expedient that certane of the maist godlie, wyse, and best willing nychtbouris be nominat to be vpoun the lytes of the saidis offices, and gevis commissioun to Androw Sclater, bailyie, James Nicoll, Johnn Mosman, Jhonn Thomesoun to visy the extent rollis and gadder furth thairof be avyse of the said maister Walter ane number to be presentet to thame the nixt counsall day, to the effect that thair names beand fund sufficient may be publist to the pepill be the minister, and the elders and deaconis to be electet be the congregatioun furth of the samyn.

Eldares and deaconis.

17 *December* 1585.

Chairge, thesaurer.

Maister Alexander Guthre, commoun clerk, exhibit and producet in name of Robert Hay of Kirkcaldie the sowme of twenty pund sent be the said Robert to the support and help of the puir infectit persouns in the mwre.

Bailie.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts elected Androw Sclater, merchant, to be a bailie in place of David Williamsoun.]

Watche diminischet, etc.

Fynds it expedient that the watche of feyet men be tayne downe and brocht to the number of twenty foure persouns, quhairof twenty to watche nichtlie and four with the porters to keip daylie the Nether Bow and West port.

Infectit persouns, Quhyte hous.

The number of the infectit persouns being greitlie diminischet, prayset be God, fynds it thairfore maist expedient that the remanent be putt in and incloset with thair kepers in the Quhyte hous, and gevis commissioun to Androw Sclater, bailyie, and [*blank*] to agrie with the possessouris of the said hous for the vse thairof a certane space.

Electioun of counsalouris, etc.

For completing of the number of the counsall in place of thame that ar deceaset and absent, electit and nominat the persouns following to be of the said counsall quhill Michaelmes, to witt, for the awld provest electet Jhone Jhonestoun of Elphinstoun, Alexander Vddert for William Harvy, Jhonn Adamesoun for William Nesbet, and Henry Charters for the awld dene of gild, and als electet Thomas Wrycht, wobster, to be deykin of the said craft in place of Jhonn Stevinsoun deceisset; quhilkis persouns thairafter comperand acceptit the said office and gaif thair ayths.

22 *December* 1585.

Proclamatio, clayngeing of geir laying to the froste, etc.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chairgeing all maner of persouns quha hes any guids quhilk hes bene or is suspect of infectioun, suppois it hes bene clengeit, that now in tyme of the froste, for the better suirtie and purgatioun thairof, thai lay it furth in yairds or sic commodious places to tak the air of the froste, nichtlie or daylie, quhill the samyn may be jugeit furth of suspitioun, with certificatioun that gif any infectioun sall be tryet or knawin to cum throw the samyn

the awners or possessouris thairof sall be execut to the deid. Als that na persouns haif or had any suspect geir vnclengeit be the kill or caldrone at the sicht of thame that hes the cair thairof attour the space of xlviij houris after the samyn hes bene suspect, and that thai exchaynge, sparpill, sell or conceill na suspect guids vnclengeit as said is, vnder the payne of escheitt thairof and pvnesing of thair persouns at the will of the magestrats; and gif any infectioun or skayth sall aryse be conceilling thairof or abstracting the samyn fra the clengeing thai sall be incontinent execut to the deid for thair trespas. Als that na wedwyffes, husseis, or any kynd of persouns, men or wemen, be fund passand throw the streits or cumand to ony nichtbouris howssis to offer to thair seruands any clayth, paytlets, slevis, gownis, clething, bedding, naiprie, or siclyk spraichrie geir, to be exchayngeit, gevin, sawld or layet in wed, and that na merkets privatlie or oppinlie be haldin of sic guids be any persouns without the licence and knawlege of the magestrats or sic as thai sall depute to sie the saidis guids quhilkis ar to be sawld or disponet as said is, vnder the payne of escheitt of the samyn and pvnesing of thair persouns be banisement, imprysonment, or vtherwayes, at the will of the said magestrats. Last that na vagabunds, idill persouns, sturdy beggares, or vther insolent and wikket pepill be fund in the streits or howssis of this burgh fra this day furth, and that na syngill wemen be fund halding any howse be thame selff, nocht beand the wedowis of friemen, or yitt resettand sic kynd of persouns, bot that thai enter to seruice with friemen or devoyde thame of the towne within xxiiij houris and cum nocht agane within the samyn vnder the paynes to be pvnessit in thair bodeis according to the acts of parliament maid aganis vagabunds, theiffis and resetters of thift to the rigour.

Proclamatio, cleyngeing of geir leying to the froste, etc.

31 *December* 1585.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid wairning and commanding all persouns that thai obey and keip the proclamatiouns and statuts maid of before, dischairgeing thame to sett thair howssis to ony vnfrie persouns, men or wemen, vnder the paynis contenit thairinto to be execut vpoun thame with all rigoure, and of new commanding and chairgeing that

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nane tak vpoun hand to sett thair lands or howssis to ony maner of persouns frie or vnfrie vnder quhatsumeuir cullour or pretence without speciall knawlege and licence of the bailyie of the quarter gevin in writt, testifeing that the takeris of the howse is ane frie burges and of guid lyfe and honest industrie, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of fyve pund, and the lands or guidis of the contravener to be poyndet or his persoun wairdet for the said vnlaw. Item, for eschewing of all daynger of fyre and hurting of the nichtbouris, that nane kendill or hald thair daylie fyres to thair necessar vses in volts, sellares, loftis or ony howssis wanting ane chymnay for venting thairof, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of xl s. swa oft as thai failyie.

Howssis without chymnayes.

Vanyone, Scherp, burgessis.

For guid and thankfull seruice to be done to the guid towne be Adriane Vanyone, Dutchemen, paynter, speciallie for the seruice quhairin he is to be imployet be the town in his craft, and that he tak and instruct prenteissis, admitts and resaues him burges of this burgh, and gevis to him selff the dewty thairof, ordaning his name to be insert in the gild buik. Siclyk, at the requeist of Maister Jhonn Prestoun, commissar, and inrespect of the guid behaviour, bruitt, and fayme of the honest conversatioun of Patrik Scherp, sumtyme seruand to maister Alexander Mawchane, and that he is ane awld seruand in this burgh, admitts him burges, gevis him the dewty thairof, and ordanis his name to be insert in the gild buik.

7 *January* 1585-6.

Maisteris of the hospitall.

The foresaid provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer and ane pairt of the counsall being convenit, with James Baxter, wrycht, Cudbert Cranstoun, furrour, of the remanent deykins of craftis, electet furth of the lytes presentet on the behalff of the ministers, elderis and deaconis of the kirk, William Inglis, merchant, and James Henrysoun, chirurgeane, to be maisteris of the hospitall for the yeir to cum.

Banning, sweiring.

Fynds it maist expedient that the bailyeis renew the ordour obseruet before in pvnesing of sic as blasphemys and bannis ather be ane pecuniare sowme or be putting of thame in the jogs, according to the persoun, place, and trespas, bayth thame quhom thai sall happin to find swa doing or that sall be delaittet be the eldares or deaconis.

12 *January* 1585-6.

Calling to mynd that James Nicoll, merchant, beand ane of the bailyeis of this burgh the tyme of the greitt pestilence, awaittet and attendit vpoun his office att all tymes, leving nathing vndone that micht pertene to ane guid magestrat in sic ane dayngerous tyme, putting himself in continuall jeopardy and hasard of his lyfe, lyke as he be his said care and vigilancie contractet the said seiknes and wes maist grievously vexit thairwith, to the greitt regraitt of the commoun pepill, and at length be the mercie of God convalesteit, yitt nocht without the lose and demembring of his rycht eye, to his greitt hynder and skayth perpetuall, and considerand that he hes resauet the samyn throw the townis seruice that it is thair dewtie to be thankfull to him that he be nocht discuraget bot that vthers by his exampill, in howpe of thair benevolence and guid remembrance, may be steirit vp to guid seruice and to putt thame selffis in the lyke or gritter hasart for this commoun weill gif neid sall requyre, thairfore ordanis ane lettre to be maid in maist ampill form, vnder thair seill of caus, with the subscriptioun of the provest and bailyeis and commoun clerk, exemand, exonerand and dischairgeand the said James fra the payment of any maner of taxatiouns impositiouns, contributiouns, emprunts, subsideis and sielyke chairges and burdings to be layet, sett, rayset and vpliftet vpoun this burgh and inhabitants thairof for any caus or occasioun bygane or to cum, declarand and decernand him to be frie of the samyn for all the dayes of his lyfetime. Exemptio, Nicoll

19 *January* 1585-6.

Ordanis Alexander Fraynche, fowle clenger, to be clengeit and ane vther conducet in his rowme als guid cheip as can be. Fraynche, clenget.

William Stewart, writter, delyuerit to my lord provest the seill of caus of this burgh with the seill of Leyth, and thairvpoun asket acts and instruments. Protest, seill of caus, seill of Leyth.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that forswamekill as be occasioun of the pestilence the commoun guid of this burgh wes nocht sett on Mairtymes evin as vse is, and now the said seiknes beand removet, in the mercie of God, the provest, bailyeis, counsall and Proclamatio, rowping the commoun guid.

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deykins hes thocht expedient that the sam be rowpet on Candilmes evin nixttocum and sett for the thre termes followand, thairfore wairning all persouns that lykes to bid for the said commoun guid that thai compeir the said day in the Over Tolbuith at v houris at evin, bringand with thame thair souerteis, and thai that bids maist thairfore sall haif the samyn. Siclyke that all the rentalleris of the townis landis compeir and answer the said day as thai vset to do on Mairtymes evin, vnder the payne of tynsell of thair rentellis. Siclyk that the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall hes thocht expedient that the maisters of the Townis College enter and begyn and renew thair ordinare doctryne quhair thai left, vpoun the thrid day of Februar nixt, thairfore wairning all the scholeris and students thairof that thai compeir in the College the said day and enter to thair maisteris and classis as sall be appoyntet to thame, for sic as compeiris the said day will be resauet. Als chairgeing that na maner of persouns tak vpoun hand to haif or hald any swyne gangand throw the hie streits and commoun vinellis vnder the payne of escheitt thairof and pvnesing of the awneris in thair awin persouns be imprysonment or vtherwayes at the will of the maiestrats. Last, that na persouns men or women be fund passand vp and downe the streits selland any vngyeouns, hering, fruit, or siclyk stufe, vnder the payne of escheitt of the said stufe and banesing of the sellares furth of the towne.

College.

Swine.

Selling.

21 *January* 1585-6.

Gift of the Trinitie College.

Ordanet the gift of the Trinitie College to be delyuerit to Jhonn Jhonestoun, collectour, and he to raise lettres thairvpoun befor the lords, and according heirto maister Alexander Guthrie delyuerit to the said Jhonn the said gift.

28 *January* 1585-6.

Balcanquell, minister, his stipend augmentit.

[The provest, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] for the guid and thankfull seruice done and to be done to the guid towne be maister Walter Balcanquell, ane of the ministeris thairof, in his vocatioun, and that he hes wyfe, chylderin and famylie, quhilk he is nocht habill to sustene vpoun the meane and small stipend of thre hundreth merks quhilk wes gevin and assignet to him in tymes past, thairfore and for dyuers vther

guid caussis and considerationns moving thame, frielie grantis to the augmentatioun of his stipend in the sowme of ane hundreth merks yeirly, swa that the stipend gevin and assignet to him sall extend in the haill to the sowm of foure hundreth merkis yeirlie . . . and ordanis thair collectouris of the kirkrent present and to cum to reddelie ansuer and mak thankfull payment to him of the sam. Balcanquell, minister, his stipend augmentit.

9 *February* 1585-6.

Gevis commissioun to Androw Sclater, Alexander Vddert, Jhonn Jhonestoun, Henry Chairters, maister Alexander Guthre, to pas, visy and mak inventour of the euidents in the charter kist of the Trinitie College quhilk is in the hands of Maister Robert Pont, and to present the sam the nixt counsall day. Euidents of the Trinitie College.

Maid and constitute maister Robert Rollok, first and principall maister of the Townis College in the Kirk of Feild, conform to the lettre maid thairvpoun with the provisiouns contenit thairintill presently red in thair audience, and ordanet the samyn to be subscryuet be the provest, bailyeis and commoun clerk, with the seill of the caus to be appendet thairto, and the said lettre to be registrat in the charter buik. Rollock, maister of the college.

Maid and constitute James Henrysoun, notar, collectoure of the rent of the provestrie of the Trinitie College and beidmen thairof. Henrysoun collectour.

11 *February* 1585-6.

Fynds it expedient, statutes and ordanis, for better obseruatioun of the Sabboth day, that na warkmanis buithis be haldin oppin or any wark wrocht at any tyme the said day, and that nane hald market or be found hanting or repairing thairto fra nyne houris in the morning quhill four houris afternone, and that nane hald oppin tavernis of wyne or aill, and na commoun cuiks be selling thair meits in tyme of preacheing and prayers within or without thair howssis, and that nane be fund in the caitchepulles or at the ailay bowlis or exerceand any playes or pastyme the said tyme. Sielyke, on the owlk dayes, Wednisday and Fryday, fra the greitt bell ring quhill the preacheing and prayeris be endet, that na merchants haif thair buithis oppin; als that the butter merket be nocht haldin or strukkin vp Statute, Sabboth day.

Statute, Sabboth day.

on the Wednisdayes and Frydayes quhill the preacheing and prayeris be endet. And all thir to be kepit vnder the payne of aucht schillings to be tayne of ilk persoun contravenand any of the poynts before rehersit and pvnesing of thair persouns at the will of the magestrats swa oft as thai failyie; and ordanis proclamatioun to be maid heirof throw this burgh.

16 *February* 1585-6.

Pont, euidents of the Trinity College.

[The provest, bailies, council and deacons of crafts] grantet and confest thame to haif resauet fra maister Robert Pont, sumtyme provest of the Trinity College, the commoun euidents of the said college and commoun kist thairof, according to ane inventour maid thairof and subscryuet be the said maister Robert and Androw Sclater, bailyie, and thairfore exonerat and dischairget the said maister Robert of the samyn; quhilk kist, euidents and inventour wes delyuerit to Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, to be sichtit and ordoret be him that forther ordour may be tayne thairwith agayne this day aucht dayes.

25 *February* 1585-6.

Henrysoun, scholemaister.

For the guid and thankfull seruice done to the guid town be Gilbert Henrysoun, sone to vmquhill Sir Edward Henrysoun, and speciallie in taking vp of the psalmes this tyme bygane sen the returning of Jhonn Cairnis, reidare, ordanis the collectoures of the vnlawes, vpsets and oweklie penneis, to pay to him the sowme of ten marks, and the sam sall be allowet to thame in thair compts; and siclyk grantis and gevis vnto the said Gilbert thair licence and authoritie for teaching of ane vulgare schole of reiding, writting and singing, within the liberties of this burgh, induring thair willis allanerlie.

Cvming, maister of the sang schole.

Makis, creats and constitutis Dauid Cvming maister of the principall sang schole of this burgh for teacheing of the yowth to sing and for taking vp of the psalmes in tyme of preacheing and prayeris in the Hie Kirk and Eist Kirk, gevand and disponand to him the office thairof induring the townis will allanerlie as now vacand be deceis of vmquhill James Henrysoun last maister thairof.

Proclamatio, excommunicat persouns.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh dischargeing all

maner of persouns indwelleris of the samyn to hows, harbery, resset or enterteine any persouns excommunicat and curset be the censures of the kirk fra this day furth, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of ten pund swa oft as thai failyie. Proclamatio, excommunicat persouns.

4 *March* 1585-6.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be Jonet Guthrie, relict of vmquhill maister James Lowsoun, laitt minister of this burgh, of guid memory, and James and Elizabeth Lowsoun, thair bairnis, makand mentioun that quhair it hes plesit God to call the said vmquhill maister James to beir charge of the ministrie within this burgh, in the quhilk he walket dewtiefully and faythfullie, dischairgeing his calling in that vocatioun bayth to the avancement of the kingdome of God and edificatioun of thame his faythfull flok (as thai dowt nocht thair awin consciences and the approvit testimoneis of all the zealous, godlie, and leirnit men of this realme can beir witnes) till the moneth of May in anno j^{m} v^{c} foure score foure yeiris, abowt the quhilk tyme the said maister James for saiftie of his awin conscience and keiping of thair lordships owt of dyuers inconvenients that his tayreing micht haif drawin thame in, quhilkis thai remits to thair lordships selffis to considder and lay in ballance with the estaitt of that tyme, he withdrew him selff to the pairts of Ingland, quhair he in the moneth of October the yeir foresaid depairtit this mortall lyfe, leving hir his wyfe and bairnis in hard and pittiefull estaitt, destitute of confort except that thai luik for thair lordships clemencie, movet be guid affectioun thair lordships buir to him and the guid offices and faythfull walking of the said maister James amangs thame, desyring thairfore thair lordships to wey and considder the necessity of his withdrawing himselff, thair present estaitt, the faythfull and paynfull lawbouris of the said maister James, and that his absence betuix his removing and depairture wes vpoun ane forceit necessitie importing bayth ane quyetnes to thair lordships and ane peace to his conscience, and that during this tyme of his absence he had in conscience guid ressoun of seiking his stipend, yitt nochttheles thai nocht questioun with thair lordships of rycht, bot recommending thair estaitt to thair lordships, maist humelie besocht thair lordships to help and support thame in sic sort as thair lordships godliezeill may appeir vpoun the Anent the bairnis of vmquhill maister James Lowsoun, minister.

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leving for the deids saik, provoking in this exampill vtheris that ar callit to beir publict offices within thair commoun welth to paynfull and faythfull walking in thair calling, as the said supplicatioun proportit. With the quhilk the said provest bailyeis and counsall being avyset thay all in ane voice for the caussis and considerationns mentionat thairinto, grantis, gevis and disponis to the said Jonet in lyferent and to the said James and Elizabeth, the langest levare of thame twa in fie and heretage, and the airis to be gottin of thair bodeis allanerlie, quhilkis failyeing to returne agane to the commoun weill of the said burgh, all and haill ane annuelrent of fourty pund vsuall money of this realme yeirlie [furth of the common mills]. Provyding alwayes that gif it sall happin the said bairnis to cum to the aige of fourtene yeiris, that the said Jonet sall renunce and gif ower hir lyferent of the said annuell in thair favouris and for thair help and support to sum honest industrie.

Sclater, tymmer, lugeis.

Ordanis Androw Sclater, bailyie, of his awin consent, to caus the tymmer of the luges of the mure be brocht in, transportet, and putt in ane volt of the townis college and with all diligence that the sam be nocht stollin away considerand the towne hes maid greitt charges thairvpoun.

Statute, small kirk annuellis selling.

Considerand the number of small annuellis within this burgh quhilk sumtyme pertenit to the prebendareis, freirs or kirks of this burgh, and now pertenand to the guid town, to witt, of v s., x s., ane merk, ij merk, xx s., xxx s., xl s., and siclyke, quhilk for the smalnes thairof, number of the samyn, and for the diuersitie of the lands addetit thairinto and of the heretouris of the said lands, is na les paynfull than costlie to be collectet and als nocht without greitt lose in the keping compt of the samyn, for remeid thairof fynds it maist expedient, consents and agreis that all the said annuellis quhilk ar within the sowme of ten merk be sawld and disponet to the heretouris of the said lands addettet thairinto, and that for the sowme of twenty merk for ilk merk annuell and proportionallie according thairto, to the effect that the money gottin for the said annuellis, quhilk will gif mair annuell nor the principall wes, may be haillie and togidder imployet vpoun annuelrent quhair the sam sall be fund maist commodious to be had; and that the money gottin for the said annuellis may the better be collectit in ane sowme vnspent or gevin

furth to ony vthers vses, makis and constitutes Alexander Vddert, merchant, collectour, resaver, and kepare thairof as the same sall happin to cum in, and swa sone as the said money sall cum to ane resonabill sowme, meitt to be imployet at aynes, that the said Alexander mak the towne aduertisement thairof, to the effect that the sam may be imployet as said is in dew tyme. Statute, small kirk annuelles, schoolis.

9 *March* 1585-6.

Ordanis Jhonn Broun, collectour of the kirkrent, for dyuers caussis moving thame, to ansuer and mak thankfull payment to Jhonn Cairnis, minister, of his stipend of all yeiris and termes bygane sen his last acquittance, nochtwithstanding of his absence furth of this burgh in the meynetyme. Cairnis, minister.

Vnderstanding the daynger and inconvenient that may fall out in the somer seasoun be slawchter of bestiall in the land and tenement quhilk sum tyme pertenit to vmquhill William Andersoun, be gathering of filth and ingenering corruptioun swa neir thair Grammer Schole, quhair the maist pairt of thair yowth man resort; and als vnderstanding that it is nocht lefull to the heretouris of the saids lands for the caus foresaid to sett any pairt thairof to flescheoures for slaying of flesche, bot ar expresly forbiddin to do the samyn be claus irritant contenit in thair infeftment, thairfore thay ordane the tennents and possessouris of the said land and tenement to be persewet for thair said contraventioun. Freir land at the Hie Schole.

11 *March* 1585-6.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid inhibiting and dischairgeing all maisters of lecture scholes, as reiding and writting, to tak vp or hald ony scholes or resave scholers within the libertie of this burgh without speciall licence of the sessioun of the kirk and of the counsall, that thair knawlege and conversatioun may be first tryet, vnder the payne of banesing the towne induring the townes will and of perpetuall deprivatioun. Proclamatio, maisteris of scholes.

18 *March* 1585-6.

William Littill, provest, with ane pairt of the bailyeis and counsell being convenit, and considerand that thair is ane publict fast appoyntet Proclamatio for [illegible] dom in tym of the publict fast.

Proclamatio for guid ordour in tyme of the publict fast.

to begyn the morne at evin and to indure conforme to the ordour vset in tymes past, thairfore ordanis proclamatioun to be maid with command that na maner of merkats be haldin vpoun the Sondayes induring the tyme of the said fast, vnder the payne of escheitt of the guids to the sellare and payment of ane vnlaw of xviij s. be the persouns fund byand in the said merkatt. Siclyke that at na tyme vpoun the haill Sondayes, and in tyme of precheing and prayeris in the owlk dayes of the said fast, that na handy lawboring and working be vset, nor na gammyng or playing, passing to tavernis and aill howssis, or selling of meitt and drink, or wilfull remayning fra the said sermoun and prayeris, vnder the paynes following, that is to say, of the workeris and lawborers x s.; for gemming, playing, passing to tavernis and aill howssis, selling of meitt and drink and wilfull remaning fra the kirk twenty schillings; and incais of refuis or povertie of the offender thai sall be tayne and putt in waird, thair to remayne for the space of xxiiij houris, and forther to be pvnist in thair bodeis and guids at the will of the maiestrats.

23 *March* 1585-6.

Bryntoun, harlotrie.

Ordanis Thomas Bryntoun, son to Dauid Brentoun in Laynrik, and [*blank*] Aikman, apprehendet in harletry and convict thairof, to be putt to the croce, and scho to be banist the towne and dowket. Siclyk [*blank*] apprehendet with James Flemyng, fleschcour, and convict of harlotrie, to be banist.

Feyet watche brokin.

Fynds it expedient that the feyet watchemen be discharget and brokin in respect the town is weill at this tyme, (prayset be God!) clene frome all suspicioun of infectioun and sufficiently replenessit with inhabitants, and thairfore the nichtbouris to keip thair nychtly watche be thair quarteris as vse wes of before.

25 *March* 1586.

Teynds of the mure.

[The provost, bailies and council ratified and approved of an agreement "with James Cairnecors of Comislie, takkisman principall of the teynds of the commoun mure to the abbacie of Halieruidhous, for assignatioun of his rycht thairof, quhilk wes red and schawin vnto thame, and that for the sowme of twa hundreth pund with ane burgesschip gratis to his seruand."]

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be maister Walter Balcanquell, ane of the ordinare ministers of this burgh, makand mentioun that quhair in the moneth of Maij 1584 yeiris his yokfallow lawborer and he wes forceit and compellit (sic wes the malice of that tyme and the raige of men aganis thame and vtheris thair brether that withstude the wisdome of men, preferit to the wisdom of God in governing his Kirk) to leif thair awin chairge and seik refuge in ane forayne realme, awaitting Gods appoyntet tyme of delyuerance fra tha violent courses, in the quhilk vayage and dolorous jornay of thair banisement it pleaset God to call his yokfallow laborer to his rest and reserue him, howbeit maist vnworthie, alyve now agane to discharge his calling amangs ws as of before, in the quhilk he hes bayth sensyne and of before swa faythfullie walket that he dar appeill thair awin consciences to haif bene blaymeles bayth of his departure frome ws and of any vther infamy that may steingyie or sclander his vocatioun, as be Gods grace he intendis to continew till God call him quhair his yokfallow lawborer is gane of before, desyrand thairfore that thai wald gif command to Jhonn Broun, collectour appoyntet to pay the ministers, to compt with him of the termes of his absence and pay to him the samyn for his releif of the chairges and expenssis that he hes sustenit during the tyme of his absence and releif of his dett that he hes bene forceit to contract, having na thing to susteyne him, his wyfe, childrein, and family in ane forrayne and deir realme, and sen he hes nocht meritet worse at thair lordschips hands then vtheris that hes bene confortit of thair lordschips clemencie, and also all vther thair lordschips officemen quha haif na thing impairet to thame of thair stipends or feyis for any trubill that hes intervenit, he will nocht meyne his estaitt to thair lordschips in ma wordis, becaus he dowtis nocht of thair lordschips discretioun that weyis the sam discreitlie anewch; and quhairas sum perchance may think that thair lordschips augmentatioun of his stipend in ane hundreth merkis mair than it wes of awld suld serue for ane sufficient recompance of his losses he dowtes nocht bot quhen thair lordschips consideris that the estaitt of ane singill man in thair lordschips ministrie can nocht honestlie be intertenit vnder iij^{c} merkis, that his estaitt that hes wyfe, bairnis and famelie, will hardlie be sustenit with ane hundreth merk

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mair; as the said supplicatioun proportis. The said provest, bailyeis and counsell and deykins, being rypelie avyset, for the resouns mentionat in the desyre thairof, and for dyuers vthers caussis and considerationns moving thame, grantis and gevis vnto the said maister Walter his stipend induring the tyme of his absence; and ordanis the said Jhonn Brown to compt and rekin with him and to mak him thankfull payment of the samyn fra his last acquittance last preceding his departure vnto the tyme of his returning as gif he had nocht bene absent.

6 *April* 1586.

Setting of the mwre.

Gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet [and eight others] to pas, mett, and mesour the lands of bayth the mures quhilk ar to be sett in few, cast the sam in pairts and leif competent passages and sett down the sam in writt, with the conditiouns of the setting thairof, and report the sam to the counsall.

Escheitt of vmquhill Snype.

Gevis and disponis the escheitt guidis of vmquhill Chairlis Snype, execut before the towne for slauchter, to Jeane Hammiltoun quha buir to him ane bairne, payand the charges thairof.

Proclamatio, filth, close heids.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid dischargeing all persouns of tvming and voyding of thair filth and doing thair eases at the close hëids as thai haif done in tymes past, vnder the payne of wairding thair persouns and pvnessing of thame that may be tryet or apprehendit, at the will of the magestrats, and payment of ane vnlaw of [*blank*] be the maisteris of the howssis quhais seruands dois the sam, swa oft as thai failyie.

New tolbuith, paper buik.

[Ordained the following sums to be allowed the treasurer in his accounts, viz., £7, 15s. 8d., "for reparatioun and poynting of the nether tollbuith," and 28s. "for paper to be paper buikis to the clerkis chalmer, and 26s. for covering and bynding thairof."]

13 *April* 1586.

Commissioners to the synodall assembly.

Gevis commissioun to Jhonn Wilkyne and Jhonn Jhonestoun to compeir before the synodall assembly and thair requyre thair avyse in fynding furth ane qualefeit persoun to be ane minister of this burgh in place of vmquhill maister James Lowson.

15 *April* 1586.

Gevis commissioun to Jhonn Jhonestoun, Jhonn Arnott, Thomas Aikinheid, to intreat and commoun with my Lord Hammiltoun anent his allegit titill to the Towne College in the Kirk of Feyld and to report agane to the counsall. Lord Hammiltoun.

20 *April* 1586.

Inrespect of the frequent conventiouns of the pepill to the sermons vpoun the Sondayes in the Eist Kirk, fynds it expedient be avyse of the sessioun of the kirk that thair be ane qualefeit persoun appoyntet to that functioun, and he to haif of stipend yeirlie the sowme of ten merkis to be payet be the collectouris of the kirk annuellis induring the townis will allanerlie, and thairfore electet and acceptet Robert Burale, scholemaister, to be reidare in the said kirk, and grantes vnto him the said stipend indu-ring the townes will. Redare in the Eist Kirk.

Fynds that it appertenis to the townis watter bailyie to vplift the vnlawes of the towne of the deids done within the watter and vpoun the schore of Leyth. Watter bailyie, vnlawes.

22 *April* 1586.

Fynds it expedient that heirafter thai sall convene for doing of the commoun effairis of the towne vpoun the Wedinsdayes and Frydayes at the ix houris bell quhilk is rung to the sessioun and na laitter, vnder the paynes contenit in the townis statutes. Counsall convening.

Appoyntis and nominats Henry Chairteris, merchant, for thame and in thair names, as haveand the place of the provestrie of the Trinitie College be donatioun of our Sourane Lord, to convene with the prebendares and chapter of the said College at thair ordinare conventiouns and all vther tymes neidfull, and thair to intreatt, vote, ressoun and conclude vpoun the commoun effaires of the samyn to be proponit in the said conventioun in and be all things as appertenis to the office of the provest of the said college; gevand vnto him thair full power and commissioun to that effect be thir presents, to indure ay and quhill the sam be expreslie revoket and discharget; provyding alwayes that in all materis that may concerne the said provest and bailyeis and counsall in thair rycht of the Provestrie of the Trinitie College.

Provestrie of the Trinitie College.

said provestrie and patronage of the said Colledge that he mak thame be aduertist thairof before the sam be concludet in the said chapter and tak thair avyse thairvpoun.

27 *April* 1586.

Chops.

[Ordained the dean of guild to set two shops on condition that "the takers sall repair the kirk wall conform to the townes ordinances maid thairvpoun of before, als that thai sall nocht chop nor kendill fyre thairin the tymes of sermoun and prayers."]

29 *April* 1586.

For halding beggares of the gaitt.

Fyndis it expedient that ane qualefeit persoun be fund owt and electet to hald the puir sturdy beggares, namlie of the landwart, of the hie gaitt, and thairfore ordanit that the bailyeis suld trye owt the man and report the sam to the counsall.

6 *May* 1586.

Precept, thesaurer.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay £4, 7s. 6d. "for the disiones of swa mony of the counsall and nichtbouris as wes appoyntet to visy and mett the mwre quhilk is to be sett furth in few;" also 10s. "gevin to the porter of the castell on New yeir day," and 10s. "to ane trumpetour for making the proclamatioun aganis the Jesuits."]

Imbassadour to Denmark.

[Appointed William Naper and three others "to pas to the Kings Grace with the commissioners of burrowes and assist thame in gevin ansuer to his Maiesteis demand anent the imbassadour to be sent to Denmark and the making of his expenssis be the burrowes."]

11 *May* 1586.

Puir Inglismen.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay £7 disbursed to "seven Inglismen pilleit and hereit be Dunkirk, for thair help and support."]

Anent the Fraynche kirk to cum to this burgh.

Anent the heids and articles gevin in before thame for the pairt of the ministeris of the Fraynche Kirk that is to cum heir to mak residence, at the Kings Maiesties desyre, als weill for thame selffis as for sic vtheris of that natioun that will follow thame, off the quhilk the tenour followis: First, thay desyre of the guid towne ane tempill sufficientlie to be provydet and put in decent ordour. Secundlie, ane ludgein for the ministeris provydet frelie with fyve chalmeris, als neir the kirk as it may be gottin, and helpit with sum movebills after the guid townis discretioun. Thridlie, that the said Fraynche strayngeris may haif ane testimoniall of my lord provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins, to be welcum and vset freyndlie

to do thair honest besynes and exerceis thair particulare craftis without impediment as thair awin frie burgessis. Last, gif any vther thing be thocht necessar or expedient that sall nocht be preindiciall to the towne that may serue the said strayngeris, without the quhilk thai can nocht be commodet, that of the townis guid will thai may be helpit. With the quhilks the said provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of craftis being ryplie avyset, after thai had considerit the christiane dewtie quhilk thai aucht to schaw vnto thair brether afflictet for the trewth and sinceritie of the evangell professit with thame, as als howpping that the saidis brether be thair godlie and honest conversatioun sall be ane exampill of guid lyfe and maneris vnto all the inhabitants of this burgh, and that be thair honest industrie and experience in thair crafts with tyme thai sall be ane gritter fortherance and avantage to the commoun weill than the tred and commoditie quhilk may fall in thair hands may be hurtfull to any particulare persoun; thairfore thai willinglie accordet and agreit to the saids articles as followes:—Anent the first, it is vniuersally accordet that the saidis ministeris and bretherein sall haif deput and assignet vnto thame ane sufficient tempill. Anent the secund, the said ministeris sall haif ane sufficient lugeing with the chalmeris efferand thairto frelie. Anent the thrid, it is lykewayes agreit thairto, with provisioun that quhen it sall pleis God to bring the estaitt of France to ane resonabill quyetnes as concerning the materis of relligioun, gif any of the said brether sall still remayne within the liberty of this burgh thay to be oblist to mak thame selffis frie with the towne and with thair crafts as vther inhabitants of the burgh hes done of before. Fynallie, anent the last heid the samyn wes fullie agreit vpoun in all poynts.

Anent the Fraynche kirk to cum to this burgh.

In consideratioun that thair is dyvers persouns desyrand to be maid burgessis of this burgh, and to the effect that thai nor na vthers be debarrit thairfra or delayet, statutes and fynds it expedient that yeirly thair be affixet and sett ane thrid court for creating of burgessis and gild brethir after the Trinitie Sonday, to wit, vpoun the Wedinsday nixtt thairafter, that the parteis suittand the sam gif in thair supplicationns, and thai sall be callit on and hard and sic as ar fund worthie that thai be wairnet to compeir the next counsall day thairafter to compeir bringand

Thrid court of burgessis.

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with thame thair dewteis to be payet to the dene of gild and collectouris and that day to be sworne and resavet.

Minister electing.

Ordanet ane supplicatioun to be gevin in to the generall assembly in all thair names, desyring thame to appoynt ane qualefeit persoun to be minister of this burgh in place of vmquhill maister James Lowsoun, and gevis thame in lytes maister Dauid Lyndsay or maister Patrik Galloway at the plesure of the assembly to be nominat thairto.

12 *May* 1586.

Minister electing, assembly.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] with maister Walter Balcanquell, minister, and the eldares and deaconis of the kirk of the said burgh, being convenit, and after resoning vpoun the nominatioun of the lytes of the minister of this burgh in place of maister James Lowsoun, it beand reportet vnto thame be Johnn Jhonestoun, ane of the commissioneris of the said burgh in the generall assembly, that the supplicatioun gevin in before the said assembly in name of the said provest, bailyeis, counsall, and deykins, anent the said minister, wes differrit, inrespect that the samyn wes nocht gevin in be avyse of the said eldares and deaconis and thair names insert thairinto; thairfore thai all fand expedient that the said supplicatioun suld be reformet in that point; and siclike be thair manyest votes fand that maister Robert Pont suld be put in lyte in place of maister Dauid Lyndsay, and thairfore ordanet the said supplicatioun to be writtin ower and reformet as said is and delyuerit to the said Jhonn Jhonestoun to be presentet be him in thair names to the said assembly and he to travell to obtene ane ansuer thairvpoun.

13 *May* 1586.

Precept, lordis of sessioun.

Ordanis James Inglis, thesaurer, to caus stufe and mend the cvscheouns of the lords inner counsalehous; als be avyse of William Fairly, bailyie, to by and furnes to the said inner counsalehous sufficient buird claythis.

18 *May* 1586.

Writts of the Trinity College.

Jhonn Jhonestoun produceit the townes gift of the Trinitie College,

decreitt of the lords thairvpoun, with the lettres of foure formes anent St. Pawles Wark. Writs of the Trinity College.

Ordanis Androw Sclater, bailyie to agrie with Dauid Warkman for paynting of the walls of the lords inner counsalehous for the sowme of twenty merks. Paynting of the lords counsale house.

20 *May* 1586.

William Littill, provest, the bailyeis, thesaurer, and ane pairt of the counsale being convenit, Jhonn Jhonestoun, collectour, producet the sowme of fyftie merk in name of ane persoun quhome he thocht nocht expedient to nominat, gevin be the said persoun of benevolence to the reparatioun of the kirk in the Trinity College. Quhilk money wes delyuerit instantly to Alexander Vddart in name of the towne, and he and Johnn Adamsoun, James Inglis, Androw Cairny, with ane bailyie, appoyntet to pas and seik the benevolence of the nichtboures to that wark and als the townes college foundet in the Kirk of Feyld; and ordanes ane lettre to be pennit to thame to schaw the nichtbouris the mater with the townis guid will to thais wark lattet throw inhabilitie. Charge, Vddert, Trinitie College.

24 *May* 1586.

Vnderstanding that Jhonn Dury, sumtyme ane of the ordiner pastures and ministeris of this burgh in the tyme of his laitt wairding in the north this twa yeir bygane, hes bene put to greitt chairges and expenssis, having na sett place or stipend for sustentatioun of himself, his wyfe, childrein and familie, quhairvpoun he hes meanet him selff vnto thame, and thai beand of mynd for the guid and thankfull seruice done be him in the tyme of his calling within the said burgh, to extend thair benevolence toward him, thairfor and for vther guid caussis and considerationns moving thame, as alswa in contentatioun of all things that the said Jhonn may craif of the guid towne for any caus or occasioun bygane preceiding the daitt heirof, frelie gevis [to him 300 merks.] Dury, minister, villa.

25 *May* 1586.

Inrespect of the multitude of persouns transporting victuall furth of the realme in swa greitt ane derth, fynds it expedient to pas downe to Transporting victuallis.

Transporting victuallis.

the Kings Maiestie in ane sufficient number of nychtbouris to compleyne thairvpoun; and ordanis William Fairly, bailyie, to caus mak ane supplicatioun to be gevin in with ane lettre of sercherie of bayth the sydes of Forth to be obtenit.

Wyllie, puir.

Appoyntet, creat and constitut, induring the townis will, Jhonn Wyllie in the place and office quhilk vmquhill Androw Thomesoun had of before for halding the puir and sturdy beggares of the gaitt, specially the landwart puir, vpoun the Sonday and at all tymes requisit, for the quhilk thai grant and gif to him ane merk owlkly.

8 *June* 1586.

Innerkething extent remitet.

For the favour and benevolence thai beir to the burgh of Innerkething and for help and support of thair bulwark, as als in howpe of thair guid will quhen the towne sall haif ado with thame, remits and dischairges to the said burgh the sowme of fourtene pund foure schillings awand to the guid towne of thair extent of the Kings wyne.

Seytoun, Blair, owersicht of the fredome.

At the requeist of the Kings Maiestie be his Graces lettres, and for the caussis specifeit thairin, grantis vnto Gristell Seytoun and William Blair ane owersicht to vse the privelege of ane burges and gild brother of this burgh nochtwithstanding that thai ar nocht maid frie, and that ay and quhill thair sall be ane generall taxatioun of the realme and the guid towne taxet, with provisioun that thai obtene the dewteis of thair burges and gildschips allowet to the towne in the foirend of the townis taxatioun, and gif thai failyie thairinto this present tollerance and licence to expyre and be of no effect vnto thame.

10 *June* 1586.

Potterraw, infectioun.

Inrespect of the infectioun of the pestilence rissin in the Potterraw, ordanis that the bailyeis caus diligent attendance to the ports that na indwellers thairof be sufferit to repair in this burgh, and Androw Sclater to speik the laird of Innerleyth and Peter Bairdy, his bailyie depute, thair, that na Potteraw breid be presentet to the merket; alswa to caus Jhonn Forest, porter of the Kirk of Feyld, to close the said port.

Preicheings, Sondayes.

Fynds it expedient that ane bailyie, ilk Sonday his owlk about, visie

the streitt, tavernis, and vtheris commoun places in tyme of sermoun, and pvneis all offendares according to the townis statutes. Preicheings, Sondayes.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chairgeing all persouns to hant and repair to the sermones vpoun the Sondayes and be nocht fund absent thairfra. Sielyke, that na tavernis, hostlarie, caitch-pules, nor aylaye bowlis, be frequentet or haldin oppin the said tyme, with certificatioun to the offendares that thai sall be sercheit, apprehendet, and pvnessit in thair bodeis or guidis according to the paynis contenit in dyuers proclamatiouns maid thairvpoun of before. Als that nane be fund bannand nor blasphemand vnder the said paynes. Proclamatio, sermones, tavernis, sweiring.

17 *June* 1586.

Agreit and consentet to len to Thomas Aikinheid the townis yetling peice of artelyerie lyand in the Kirk, with the twa peices in Androw Sclaters hands, and the said Thomas oblist him to delyuer the sam agane to the guid towne als guid as he resavet the samyn, and appoyntes Jhonn Wilkyne, thesaurer, James Ros and Androw Sclater to visy the estaitt of the said peices. Aikinheid, townis artelyerie.

22 *June* 1586.

In consideratioun that the seiknes of pestilence is rissin and heavelie spred in the town of Nudrie and the puir pepill thairof lyke to peris for famyne, thairfore thai ar willing to mak thame sum support; and William Naper, Jhonn Wilkyne, James Ros, James Inglis, agreit, to avance and send to the said towne euery ane of thame ane laid of meill with all diligence, for the quhilk caus the said provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins promist to caus refound to thame the pryces thairof of the first end of the townis collectory. Nudrie infectet, suportet.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that nane of Nudrie repair to this burgh vnder the payne of deid, and that na vncowth beggares repair to this burgh vnder the payne of scurgeing, and that nane ressaitt thame vnder payne of banisement. Proclamatio, Nudrie, beggares.

Comperit [*blank*] Seytoun, pryour of Pluscardy, and produceit fyve copeis of lettres quhilk wes deluyerit to his vmquhill father, my Lord Seytoun, be Henry Nesbet, for his informatioun in the townis effaris in Pryour of Pluscardy, certane writts.

Pryour of Pluscardy, certane writts.

France the tyme of his imbassage thair, quhilk copeis vnderwrittin wes delyuerit agane instantly to the said Henry with quhais hand thai ar writtin and copeit, viz., the instructiouns for the downgetting of the exorbitant customes newlie rayset in France vpoun this realme, copeis of thre patents grantet be the Kings of France, ane be King Francays in anno 1518, ane vther 1554 be King Henry, and ane vther be the said King anno 1555.

Cowper, Cranstoun, ministers.

In consideratioun that maister Jhonn Cowper, minister, hes at all tymes requisit sen new yeir suppleyet the want of ane minister bayth in the Hie Kirk and Eist Kirk, and als at sindrie tymes maister Michaell Cranstoun, minister, hes suppleyet the said place, thairfore gevis and grantis to the said maister Jhonn the sowme of ane hundreth mark and to the said maister Michaell the sowme of twenty pund for the seruice done and to be done be thame in the said place. And ordanis Jhonn Wilkyne, bailyie, of the reddiest of the rest of the extents, to mak payment to thame of the said sowmes.

29 *June* 1586.

Leyth, dykes repairing, pest.

For eschewing of the apperand daynger of pestilence within the toun of Leyth, throw the oppynnes thairof, and at the desyre of the bailyeis of the sam, grantis vnto thame licence to repair the dykes thairof, to stand closet induring the townis will allanerlie.

8 *July* 1586.

Scott, iniurcis.

William Littill, provest, the bailyeis, and ane pairt of the counsale being convenit, George Scott, in Leyth, beand tryet and provin to haif laitlie iniureit the guid town with dyuers nichtbouris that past to Leyth with the provest and bailyeis in the townes seruice, nocht onelie in calling the said nichtbouris evill wordis bot sayand that the towne had tayne fra him twa schips of tymmer and wissand that the pest wer in the town as it wes this tyme tolmowth, with dyuers vthers owtragious and intollerabill speiches, quhilk wes gevin aganis him, thairfore he asket the towne forgifnes, and he and Jhonn Harlaw, saidler, as souerty for him, oblist thame selfis coniunctlie and seuerally that he sall nocht committ the lyke falt heirafter vnder the payne of ten pund.

Ordanis the town breid to wey fyftein vnce the auchtpenny laif and the owtlands breid xxiij vnce. Pais of breid.

15 *July* 1586.

For eschewing of the vncowth and new tred begwn amangs the flescheoures, be regraiting of flesche for vphalding of derth, contrair all guid ordour, thairfoir ordanis proclamatioun to be maid commanding that na maner of flescheouris, frie or vnfrie, to burgh or to land, tak vpoun hand to regraitt, bye and cowpe, ane fra ane vther, any sort of guids and flesche, slayne or vnslayne, to by and sell the samyn agane in merket or vpoun quhatsumeuir vther collour, vnder the payne of escheitt of the said guids and flesche swa bocht to the byer, or valour thairof, and of escheit of the pryce agreit vpoun to the sellare, the ane halff heirof, to be imployet to the behuif of the persouns delatouris and reveleris of the said falt and the vther half to the guid toun and thair collectoures in name of the puir, with all rigour. Proclamatio, flescheours.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Jhonn Cairnis, ane of the ordiner ministers of this burgh, makand mentioun that be occasioun of the laitt trublis, quhen as the ministers of Gods word wes banist and put in exile, as als be ressoun of the present derth quhilk hes putt him far behind, compellis and movis him at this present to meyne his estaitt to thair lordschips, praying heirfore that thay wald discreitly wey and consider his stipend quhilk he hes of thair lordschips and how far it is habill to sustene his adois in this present derth and skarsenes, for the sustentatioun of him his wyfe and famely gif he merits the sam or nocht, that thairfore it wald pleis thair lordships to augment his stipend to sic quantitie as thai think guid, swa that he may leif honestly thairvpoun, vnchargebill to ony persoun, or yitt contract himselff in forther dett, or at the leist as thai think his seruice deserues swa recompans him. With the quhilk the said provest, bailyeis, counsale and deykins of crafts being avyset, they all agreitt and consentet to augment the said Jhonnes stipend in the sowme of fiftie merks yeirlie fra the term of Alhallomes last bypast inclusiue, swa the said Jhonns stipend to extend in the haill to the sowme of twa hundreth fyftie merks . . . and ordanis the collectouris of the Cairnis, minister, stipend.

Cairnis, minister, stipend.

kirkrent present and to cum to mak the said Jhonn thankfull payment thairof.

19 *July* 1586.

Anent schips tane in to Flanders.

Vnderstanding that thair is certane Scots schips apprehendet and tayne in to Flanders be certane Inglismen and Flischeners, as thai wer in thair vayage to Depe with salmond and vther guids, fynds it expedient to meyne the sam to the Kings Grace, and thairfore gevis commissioun to Jhonn Robertsoun and William Huchesoun to pas to his Grace to that effect.

20 *July* 1586.

Commissioners, Lord Hammiltoun.

Appoyntis and nominats William Fairlie, bailyie, [and six vthers,] to convene and confer with the commissioneris of the Lord Hammiltoun anent his allegit rycht to the towns College in the Kirk of Feyld sumtyme callit the Duiks Lugeing.

Setting of the mwre.

The maner, forme, and conditiouns of the setting furth in few of the arabill pairts of bayth the commoun mures, sett down in writt be the persouns nominat thairto, with the forme of the proclamatioun of the rowping thairof, contening the quantiteis and entres syluer of euery pairt, being presentet vnto thame, red, and considerit, thay ratifeit and approvet the samyn . . . of the quhilk proclamatioun the tenour followes:—I do yow to witt that the provest, bailyeis, counsale, and deykins of craftis, for dyuers guid caussis and considerationns moving thame, but specially for augmentatioun of thair commoun rent, owtredding of the townis detts, making of pollicie and bigging of commoun warks, hes thocht expedient to sett in few to the burgessis of this burgh, thair aires and successouris, burgessis thairof, and na vtheris, the waist lands of the Wester Mure of the said burgh, be seuerall pairts following, for the maist yeirlie ferme beir that may be gotten thairfore, and payand the entres syluer respectiue vnderwrittin, that is to say, [8½ acres "lyand dew eist fra the new yaird of Merchinstoun" for 300 merks "of entres syluer"; 16 acres "lyand dēw eist fra the Standand Stane" 600 merks; 8 acres "lyand betuixt the Quhytehous and Brownefeyld bewest the samyn" 300 merks; 15 acres "callet the Baglap, lyand incloset betuix the lands of Brounfeyld and Quhyttehous," 500 merks; and "ane pece land bewest the Standand Stane toward Typperlin betuix the lands

of Merchinstoun and the burne" 600 merks.] Quhairfore I warne all persouns that lykes to bid for the saidis lands to pas, view, and consider the samyn betuix this and the secund day of August nixttocum, and at the said day that thai compeir befoir the provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins vpoun the grund of the saidis landis, be aucht houris in the morning, quhair the samyn sall be rowpett to the best availl, and he that biddis maist ferme beire yeirly with the said entres sall haif the samyn. Followes the articles contening the maner and conditiouns of setting in few of the townis waist land and acres of the commoun mwre. First, That the said acres sall nocht be sett to any maner of persouns butt to ane burges of the said burgh and his aires quha sall actuallie remayne and dwell in the towne with hous and familie, scatt and lott and beir all portabill chairges with the inhabitants thairof, with provisioun to be contenit in the few chairtour that gif the air will nocht be ane burges, remayne in the burgh, scat and lott as said is, he sall be oblist to sell and dispone the said acres be avyse of the towne to any burges that will gif maist thairfore, kepand the conditioun foresaid. Item, the said acres to be tailyeitt to the aires maill quhilks failyeing to the eldest famele but diuisioun. Item, at the entrie of ilk air the air to pay of entres syluer to the towne for ilk acre in the wester mwre twa merk and in the eister mwre fourty schillings. Item, gif the wedow, coniunct fear, mareis any persoun that is nocht burges and nocht kepand the first conditioun scho to tyne hir coniunct fie or lyfrent. Item, it sall nocht be lesum to the fewares to annalie, wedsett in all or in pairt the said acres, or tak any annuell thairvpoun, without the speciall consent of the provest, bailyeis, counsale and deykins, vpoun payne of tynsall of the few. Item, quhen the said acres sall be sawld fra ane hand to ane vther with consent foresaid the new tennent to pay to the towne at his entrie the dowbill of the entres of ane air. Setting of the mwre.

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Ordanet the lettre missiue vnderwrittin brocht fra the Kings Grace be Jhonn Robertsoun, quha wes direct to his Maiestie according to ane act daittet the xix of this instant, to be registrat *ad futuram rei memoriam;* off the quhilk the tenour followis:—Richt trest freynds, we greitt yow Rex, lettre missive, ships takin.

Rex, lettre missive, schips takin.

hartlie weill. Be your lettre and the bereris discowrs we haif vnderstand at lenth bayth the publicatioun of ane laitt edict, at Fluscheing, greitlie preiudiciall to the frie intercowrs and trafficque of our burrowes in the pairts of France quhair thair cheife steipill is establischet and the executioun thairof laitly begwn vpoun sum of your nichtbouris going thither in thair vsuall and lefull tred. The iniquitie of bayth we haif reasonet at greitt lenth with our dearest sisters imbassadour, and fyndis him weill myndet to leve nathing of his best vndone bayth to the restitutioun of the confiscat guids gif thai be yitt in place, or the availl thairof incais of failyie, and the indempnitie of our merchants in that edict or ony vther in tyme to cum, swa being thai be nocht tryet meaning to thair enemeis; for our awin pairt we can hardlie yitt beleve that any sic thing can be publist be the privicie of our said darrest sister or any minister that scho hes thair, and as euir it be as it wes neuir meanet be ws that this laitt league contractet with hir suld any wayes preiuge the amitie we haif with France or the libertie of the frie trafficque of our peapill in any pairt pertening to that crowne, sa sall thair nathing in guid airnist be attempted to the thraldome and restraynte thairof be that peopill or ony vther quhairin, failyeing of guid and spedy reparatioun, we vtter nocht that dewty that becumes a naturall prince to his afflictet subiects, quhairanent quhow far we haif bene playne with thir beareris we will remitt to thair sufficiencie, and committs yow to the protectioun of the Almichty. Frome Falkland this xxij of July 1586. *Sic subscribitur:* JAMES, R.

29 *July* 1586.

Statute, fische mvngeris, westland heiring.

William Littill, provest, the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurar, and maist pairt of the counsall being convenit, considerand the greitt multitude of forestalleris and regraiteris of all sorts of fische, speciallie of the heiring, quhilk is pairtly coft be thame be the way cumand to the oppin merket fra Glasgow and the west pairts, pairtly bocht in the sam market in greitt fra the cuntrie men inbringers thairof and regratet and sawld in smallis in the sam merket of new be the said fische mvngares; for remeid thairof statutes and ordanis that na fischemvnger dwelland within this burgh be sufferit to sell any of the said wastland heiring bot that quhilk is brocht be

thame selffis or thair houshald seruands with thair awin proper horssis frome the saidis pairts, vnder the payne of escheitt thairof.

Ordanis lettres missives to be direct to the burrowes of Kirkcaldy, Dysart, Pittinweyme, Carraill, Sanctandrois, Cowper, to send thair commissioners to this burgh agane Mononday nixtt, sufficiently instructet, with power to fynd owt sum guid ordour for remeid of the staying of the Scotts schips passand to Deip be the Flischeingers and Inglismen, and for redres of the schips taikin, and makis and constitutes Jhonn Robertsoun [and five others] to convene in name of the towne with the saidis commissioneris. Commissioneris convening.

2 *August* 1586.

[The following parts of the Wester Muir were feued by public roup, conform to the act dated 20 July:—Baglap, containing 14 acres, to John Young, tailor, and Agnes Sword his spouse, yearly feu-duty 20 bolls bear, entry money 500 merks; 3 acres 1 rood to Thomas Patersoun, merchant, and Christian Nicolsoun his spouse, yearly feu-duty 6½ bolls bear, entry money 123 merks; 3 acres 3 roods to William Rig, merchant, and Katherein Row his spouse, yearly feu-duty 7 bolls bear; 20 acres to Andrew Naper, merchant, and Jonet Kyle his spouse in liferent and Archibald Naper their son in fee, yearly feu-duty 22½ bolls bear, entry money 500 merks; 8 acres and other two small pieces to Thomas Aikinheid, merchant, and Marioun Bannatyne his spouse in liferent and James Aikinheid his son in fee; yearly feu-duty 11 bolls 3 firlots bear and 13s. 4d.; entry money 318 merks 10 shillings; 18 acres to Andrew Stevinsoun, merchant, in liferent and Andro Stevinsoun his son in fee, yearly feu-duty 30 bolls 3 firlots bear, entry money £432, 10s.] Setting of Wester Muir.

3 *August* 1586.

[Proclamation made that the waste lands of the Easter Muir are to be sett in feu to the burgesses of this burgh by roup on Tuesday next.] Setting of Eister Mure.

5 *August* 1586.

Forswamekill as the commissioners of burrowes laitlie convenit in this burgh hes fund necessar to direct maister George Hakket, conseruatour, and Jhonn Gourlaw, toward Ingland and Flanders for obtening the proclamatioun maid in Flanders to stay all schips passand to France, and for redres of the schips and guid apprehendet passing thair, and that ane impositioun of viij^c li. be rayset vpoun all guids passand furth of the New impositioun, burrowis, Gourlaw.

New impositioun, burrowis, Gourlaw.

realme for making thair charges, quhilk sowme it behovet the guid towne to purches and avance and obtene the sam ramburset of the said custome and impositioun, as at lenth is contenit in ane act of the said burrowes maid thairanent; and seying that the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall hes desyret Robert Gourlaw, customer, to be oblist to the persouns fra quhome the said money is to be resauet, as als for the annuell thairof, thairfore thai oblis thame selffis to releif the said Robert Gourlaw of the samyn.

9 *August* 1586.

Setting of the Eister Mwre.

William Littill, provest, with the bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer and counsall, for the maist pairt being convenit in the Eister Mure of this burgh, for rowping and setting of the waist pairt thairof according to the proclamatioun maid the iij of August instant. First, anent the divisioun thairof in pairts and anent the reserving of the hie gaitts, fynds it expedient be the avyse of the persouns nominat for setting downe the platt heirof that thair be twa hie commoun gaits reservet, the ane toward the eist leidand fra Dalkeyth, the vther towart the west ledand fra Libertoun, the eister gaitt to contene in breid foure fall quhilk is twenty four elne, the waster gaitt to contene auchtein elne in breid. Als that thair be twa shorter passages ledand eist and west to the said hie gaits, the ane passage at the north besyde the laird of Lugtowns lands and the vther at the sowth besyde the heid of the awld pairts of the said mure, and ilk passage to contene nyne elnis of breid. Swa the body of the said mure lyand betuix the said hie gaits and passages to be devydet in sex seuerall pairts to be seuerallie rowpet and sett and ilk pairt to contene aucht acre and ane half of the lairger mesure be ressoun the samyn is waist and vnteillet lands, and ilk pairt to haif ane half elne for thair balk; and the twa dykes to be biggett, to witt, the eister and wester dykes to haif ilk ane ane elne for the said dyke and the pece waist land with the myre lyand besowth the southmest passage toward the Powburne to contene aucht aiker or thairby and to mak ane pairt be it selff; and the twa gvschats, the ane lyand besyde the Preistisfeyld and the vther besyde the Cameroun, estimatt to foure aiker or thairby, to be rowpet and sett be thame selffis.

[The "body of the mure" was disposed of in six parts consisting of 8½ acres each, the first part to William Stewart, clerk depute, yearly duty 14 bolls 3 firlots 2 pecks bear; the second part to John Robertsoun, yearly duty 18 bolls 1 peck; the third part to William Stewart, yearly duty 14 bolls 3 firlots 2 pecks bear; the fourth part to John Huchesoun, merchant, 17 bolls meal yearly; the fifth part to Alexander Slowman in name of David Williamsoun, 18 bolls 1 peck meal yearly; and the sixth part to Alexander Slowman, 18 bolls 1 peck bear yearly. The part at the Powburne extending to 8 acres set to Androw Stevinsoun for 14 bolls bear yearly, and "the twa gvschatts in the said eister mvre," containing 4 acres, set to William Stewart, clerk depute, for six bolls bear yearly. In addition to the yearly duty 50 merks per acre of entry money was payable in each case.] Setting of the Easter Mwre.

17 *August* 1586.

Ordanis that in designatioun of the bounds of the pairt of the Wester Mure sett in few to Androw Naper that thair be left furth thairof and reseruet for ane passage the quantitie of ane fall of breid fra Merchinstownis Buts to the Tipperlyn quhill it cum to the hiegaitt besyde the Brighous callit Browms of the Brigs. Naper, mure, Merchinstown.

[On the supplication of the feuars of the Easter and Wester Mures, the provost, bailies, and council set to them a tack of the teinds of their lands.] Teynds of the Mwre.

24 *August* 1586.

William Littill, provost, with ane pairt of the bailyeis and counsall being convenit, thay of thair benevolence and pitie grantes and frelie gevis to maister Jhonn Tullois, minister of the Wemyes, the sowme of twenty pund, and ordanis James Henrysoun, collectour, of the reddiest of the beidmenis dewteis quha ar deceist of the Trinity College, to pay vnto him the said sowme. Minister of Wemyss.

Inrespect that the awld gallowis in the Burrow Mure is faillet and decayand, bayth in the tymmer wark and the wallis, and that the sam stands vpoun the grund quhilk is now sett in few, thairfore ordanis the sam to be removet and tayne downe, and ane new gallows of pillers of stayne with wallis to be bigget and rayset narrer the towne in the place devyset thairfore and pottet be my lord provest, and als consents to contract with ane masoun for doing thairof for the sowme of twa hundreth Bigging of the new gallowis.

Bigging of the new gallowis.

mark, and the masoun to furneis all necessars of stayne, lyme, and warkmanschip, and the said sowme to be payet furth of the entres syluer of the said mwre.

31 *August* 1586.

College, students.

For guid caussis and considerationns moving thame, fynds it expedient that the privelege and vacancie be gevin to the students of the townis College for ane moneth nixttocum.

9 *September* 1586.

Cordiners, hyde markett.

William Littill, provest, with the bailyeis and ane pairt of the counsall, at the desyre and supplicatioun of the deykin and brether of the cordiner craft of this burgh, meaning that thai ar heavely preiugeit be the vnfrie cordiners dwelland without this burgh quha rayses the derth, the hyde merkett prevening thair hour appoyntet and owerbyand the said friemen, be ressoun the said merkett is in ane oppin place, thairfore grantes vnto the said deykin ane place in the nether kirk yaird for the said merkett, induring the townis will allanerly, thay payand the maill of the cordiner chop at the entres thairof and removing quhen the towne plesis, and at thair removing makand the said chop als guid as it wes of before, with the quhilk William Huchesoun, deykin of the cordiners, stude content and oblist himselff and his successouris thairto.

21 *September* 1586.

Rex.

William Littill, provest, with the bailyeis, counsall, and deykins of crafts being convenet, ordanet William Fairly, William Naper, and Jhonn Bannatyne to pas to the Kings Grace and rander to his Grace thankis for the guid favour schawin to the town be his lettre permitting thame to elect thair maiestrats of thair awin number according to the ancient privileges of this burgh.

23 *September* 1586.

Kings Maiesteis customes.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of the crafts,] after lang resoning vpoun the mater of the Kings Maiesteis custome, and that the taks thairof is to expyre in October nixtt, for dyuers grave and wechtie caussis and considerationns moving thame, thay for the maist pairt fyndis

it expedient that the taks thairof be renewet in maner as thai wer sett before, and as the rest of the commissioners of burrowes sall agrie thairvpoun. Kings Maiesties customes.

4 *October* 1586.

The provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of craftis, being convenit for electing of the provest, bailyeis, dene of gild, and thesaurer for the yeir to cum, [re-elected William Littill to be provost]. And considerand that the said William Littill, provest of this burgh this last yeir, is now electet provest for the yeir to cum, quhilk beand ane greitt hurt and havy burding vnto him it will be hard to move him to accept the samyn, thairfore thai all agreit to pas togidder to his dwellinghous and airnestly requeist him to accept the said office, and gif he will swa do, thay haif promittet and be thir presents promissis nocht to burding him with the said office heirafter without his awin guid will and plesure be to resaue the samyn. Electioun of the magistrats.

5 *October* 1586.

Ordanis the dene of gild to remove the craymes quhilk standis on the hie gaitt of the merkett dayes, inrespect of the greit deformitie thairof, and that thai ar all vnfrie persouns. Craymes.

Fynds it expedient that the acts before maid for making of the burgessis after the heid court dayes allanerly be alterit and chaynget inrespect of the multitude that bringis confusioun, and thairby may nocht be sufficiently tryet bayth in the qualiteis of thair persouns and rychtis to the burgesschips, quhairvpoun may follow greitt frawde in hinderance of the commoun guid, and thairfore ordanis the burgessis to be resauet and sworne be the counsall in counsale tyme ilk counsall day as occasioun sall be offerit thairto. Burgessis making.

It is agreitt and thocht expedient that vpoun the Wedinsdayes and Frydayes the counsall sall convene at the ringing of the bell to the sessioun immediately after the sermone. Convening of the counsall.

7 *October* 1586.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chairgeing that nane that bringis any laids of coillis to this burgh tak vpoun hand to vse sic frawde and Proclamatio, laids of coillis.

Proclamatio, laids of coillis.

deceitt as thai haif vset heirtofoir be deminisching and brekking of thair laidis and disponing vpoun ane pairt thairof quhair thai think best and thairafter setting the sam vp agane and bigging thair laidis for mwsters allanerly and defrawding the byares, and thairfore that thai sell their laidis as thai ar brocht fra the coilhewch and na vtherwayes, ather in bigging or diminisching thairof, vnder the payne of escheitt of the laidis, the ane halff to the hospitall and the vther to the apprehender swa oft as thai failyie.

Precept, candill, kirk.

Ordanis the dene of gild to furneis candill to the kirk at the tymes vset.

12 *October* 1586.

Extent of ij^{m} li.

In consideratioun that the haill realme in this last conventioun of estaits hes grantet and gevin to our Souerane Lord ane generall taxatioun of fyftein thowsand pund for repressing of the theiffis and brokin men vpoun the bordouris, [whereof] this burgh payis sevin hunder and fyftie pund, alswa considerand that thair is awand for this burghs pairt of the Kings Graces wynes for the customes of the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} thrie scoir fyve yeirs the sowme of fyve hundreth pund, and for the saidis wynes of this instant yeir of God 1586 the sowm of sevin hunder twenty pund, thairfore thay agreitt that ane taxatioun of twa thowsand pund wer sett and rayset vpoun the inhabitants of this burgh for payment of the sowmes foresaids with all possibill diligence.

Howpe, extentis.

[The council exempted Hary Howpe, burgess of Deip, from payment of his extent in respect "he is banist for the caus of religioun."]

17 *October* 1586.

Regents of the College.

In consideratioun that after tryell tayne of the sex young men contendant for the place of the twa regents in the townis College now vacand, and that be thair disputatiouns haldin in the said College publictly this aucht or ten dayes, it is fund be the maist leirnet men that wer present with my lord provest and the bailyeis at the said disputatiouns that thir twa, viz., maister Adame Colt and maister Alexander Scrymgeour ar meitt and qualefeit for that place, thairfore thai admit, creat, and constitutes the saidis twa persouns regents of the said college induring the townis will

allanerly. And ordanis James Inglis, last thesaurer, to [gif] the vther four for thair expenssis and remaning, ilk ane of thame the sowme of ten pund, and sielyke to gif to the vther twa quha ar electit ilk ane of thame the sowme of ten pund, and that to serve and content them quhill Alhallomes nixt for all things. Regents of the College.

21 *October* 1586.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chairgeing that for avoyding of the greitt fraude and deceatt vset be the taverneris and topsteris, ventares of wyne and aill, and vtheris wikket persouns within the said burgh, that all persouns quha hes any fals stowpes clowrit in the sydes or choppit vp in the bottwmes or misfacionet, caus the samyn be reformett with all possibill diligence, and that nane be fund fra this tyme furth to haif or vse any stowppis, quart, pynt, or choppin or mwtchekin and vtheris bot sic as agreand to the awld and greitt stand mesoure of this burgh, and that euerie mesoure haif the townis mark vpoun the lip at the vtter syde with the craftismanis mark maker thairof besyde the samyn for the fynnes of his stufe, and within the lip ane plowk twa inche beneth the samyn, and that thir stowpes and mesowris be sett to the pypes, punscheouns and barrellis quhair thai sall be brocht for drink, to witt, the stowpe of the byare and nocht the sellare, vnder the payne of fyve pund for the first falt, ten pund for the secund falt, and escheitting of the peice, pype, punscheoun or barrell, brekking of the stowpes, deilling thairof to the pvir, and tynsall of thair fredome for the thrid falt, but favouris. Proclamatio, Stowpes.

28 *October* 1586.

Grantis and gevis vnto the twa new maisters and regents of the townis college, viz., maister Adam Colt and maister Alexander Scrymgeour, ilk ane of thame, yeirlie, for thair burding and sustentatioun the sowme of foure scoir punds, and for thair stipend the sowme of twenty pund ilk ane yeirly quhill forther ordour be tayne with thame heiranent. New maisters of the College

2 *November* 1586.

Ordanis the porter of the Nether Bow to licht and haif candill nichtlie Candill at the Nether Bow.

Candill at the Nether Bow.

thairat at the tymes vset in the bowatt hung at the sam and the thesaurer to gif to him aucht penneis nichtlie thairfore.

Proclamatio, lanternis, drink.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid commanding all taverneris, topsteris, baxteris, commoun cuiks, and commoun hostleris, that thai hing furth in the hie streits or commoun vinellis quhair thair howssis or tavernis and sellare ar ane sufficient lanterne or bowett, with sufficient licht or candill thairinto fra fyve houris at evin quhill ix houris, vnder the payne of awcht schillings swa oft as thai failyie. And that nane sell furth any drink fra ix houris at evin be strukkin vnder the payne foresaid.

4 *November* 1586.

Statute, nicht walkeris.

For eschewing of the greitt multitude of nicht walkeris, ordanis the greitt bell to be knellit at ten houris at evin nychtlie as it wes wont to be before the pestilence, and proclamatioun to be maid dischargeing any persoun by the ordinare watche to be fund passand throw the streitts or furth of thair lugeing quhair thai ly all nicht after the knelling of the said bell, vnder the payne of wairding of thair persouns and vtherwayes pvnessing of thame at the will of the magestrats.

Hereott, acceptatio.

George Hereott, goldsmyth, electet deakin of his craft and of the counsall, acceptet the said offices vpoun him and gaif his ayth for dew and lawfull administratioun thairof.

9 *November* 1586.

Schollers loft, bellis.

Ordanis maister Michaell Chisholme, dene of gild, to caus inlairge and eik the scholers loft in the Hie Kirk and to help and repair the stoks of the greitt bellis.

Commissio, Cowper, minister.

Gevis commissioun to Jhonn Arnot, bailyie, Jhonn Jhonestoun, William Huchesoun and Alexander Thomesoun to intreatt and confer with maister Jhonn Cowper, minister, for acceptatioun of the place and office of ane ordiner pastour in this burgh and for his stipend thairfore.

16 *November* 1586.

Ports, toun wallis, nicht watche.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to repair all necessaris about the towne, speciallie the ports and the towne wall at the west end of the

North Loch, and to caus big and fowsie the sam for stopping all passage thairat. Sielyke, to caus the Freir port to be condemmit and maid fast. Item, vnderstanding be ane commoun brwitt of apperand trublis within the realme, and havand experience of the slewth of the commoun watche of the nychtbouris, thairfore fynds it expedient that thair be chosin ane feyet watche of habill men to the number of twenty foure persouns weill airmet, the halff thairof hakbuters and the vther halff halbuters, to watche the towne nychtlie induring the townis will, and thai to haif twenty schillings in the owlk, ilk persoun, to be payet be the thesaurer. Ports, toun wallis, nicht watche.

18 *November* 1586.

The provest, bailyeis, and counsall gevis commissioun to Jhonn Arnott, Jhonn Jhonestoun, James Inglis, Jhonn Wilkyne, to pas and confer with maister James Hammiltoun, minister in St Jhones Clachan, and schaw quhat guid lyking the towne hes consavet of him and thairfore to sie gif he will accept the charge of ane minister of the sam and to report. Sielyke, to intreatt with maister Jhonn Cowper to the sam effect. Hammiltoun, minister, Cowper.

John Watt, theiker, and Guilliam Fraynche, masoun, and thair pairties, ar discharget this burgh and liberty thairof quhill thay be mareit, vnder the paynes of scorgeing and banesing for euir. Watt, Fraynche, banist.

23 *November* 1586.

William Littill, provest, [the bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] vpoun the pruif and experience quhilk thay haif had this tyme bygane of the lyfe and doctrine of maister Jhonn Cowper, minister, thay all agreitt and consentet that he suld exerce the office of ane ordiner pasture and minister within this burgh, and for thair pairts electet and nominatt him thairto, for the quhilk caus thai haif grantet and gevin vnto him the sown of twa hundreth and fyftie merks in name of stipend, yeirlie, induring his seruice, to be payet be the collectouris of the kirk annuelis at four termes in the yeir as the rest of thair ministers ar payet. Cowper, minister.

30 *November* 1586.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] with ane certane Kings grace.

4000li. avancing to the Kings grace.

of the nichtbouris of this burgh, being convenit, it was exponet and declairit vnto thame be my lord provest quhow that the Kings Maiestie having sent for his lordschip desyret that the guid toun wald len and avance to his Grace the sowme of aucht thowsand pund, to be imployet in imbassadouris to be sent to Ingland for travelling to preserue his Maiesties mother, quhais lyfe wes in greitt jeopardie at this present, as wes amplie delaitet be his Maiestie, with the quhilk the said provest, bailyeis, counsall, and deykins of crafts being avyset, in consideratioun that this mater redoundet greitlie to his Maisties honour and stude in sic necessitie, thairfore thai, with avyse of the said nichtbouris, agreit and consentet to avance to his Maiestie the sowme of foure thowsand pund, to be tayne vpoun the commoun guid of this burgh, vpoun sufficient cawtioun and securitie alwayes to be maid, as wes offerit be his Maiestie, bayth for releif of the annuell and principall sowme.

Memorandum. Vpon the xvj of December 1586, the contract of securitie for this sowme wes maid and subscryuet betuix the town and the laird of Bas, the laird of Innerleyth and the laird of Wawchtown, quhilk contract is registrat in the chairtour buikis of alienatiouns.

2 *December* 1586.

Proclamatio, setting of howssis.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that nane sett thair howssis bot to sic as ar of honest and guid lyfe and conversatioun and speciallie that thai sall nocht be notet with the crymes of thift or harlotrie and ressett thairof and sall fynd thame cawtioun to that effect, with certificatioun to thame gif thair said tennents beis fund of evill lyef and notet with the said crymes the said setters of thair land to sic persouns sall be poyndet or wairdet for ane vnlaw of fyve pund swa aft as thai failyie.

7 *September* 1586.

Lord Hammiltoun, College.

Electet and nominat, for the pairt of the guid toun, maister Jhonn Lyndsay and maister Thomas Bannatyne, lords of sessioun, to be commoners fornent the president and justice clark, electet commoners for my Lord Hammiltoun, anent the mater betuix his lordship and the guid town con-

cerning his ludgeing in the Kirk of Feyld quhairin the toun hes foundet thair College. Lord Hammiltoun, College.

Thir persouns vnderwrittin, maisters of the lecture scholes, wer callit in and admonist, vpoun thair awin consents, vnder paynes of deprivatioun, to governe and teache thair scholers bayth in leirning and maners, speciallie for keping guid ordour, abstening frome banning and bikkering, viz., Robert Burale, Androw Robiesoun, Stevin Bannatyne, Jhonn Oliphant, James Murcheid, Dauid Cvming, maister of the sang schole, Eleazer Moffett, James Ralstoun, Symoun Jhonestoun, Jhonn Lowthiane. Maisters of lecturescholes

23 *December* 1586.

Ordanet James Ros, thesaurar, to caus tak the rwif of the hospitall in the Trinitie College callit [*blank*] Hospitall with the daillis being thairinto, number and inventour the same, and putt thame in the loft of the townis hospitall to be keipet thair quhill the toun haif ado with the sam. Precept hospitall.

30 *December* 1586.

William Littill, provest, the bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts, for the maist pairt, being convenet, for putting the toun in possessioun of the annuells pertening to our Lady Hospitall in St. Mary Wynd, ordanis Jhonn Broun, collectour of the kirk annuellis, and his successouris, to vplift the annuells pertening to the said hospitall and to be chairget thairwith in thair compts, and thai to mak payment thairof to the puir beidwoman presently on lyfe induring hir lyfetyme and the sam to be allowat in thair said compts, begynnand at Witsonday nixttocum inclusiue. Kirk annuells of St. Mary Wynd.

Inrespect that sum persouns thinks it hard to caus the puirrest sort of the nychtbouris and crafts that hes na tred of merchandice to beir sic burding in the taxatiouns sett for the Kings Graces wynes and customes as thai do in vther extents, thairfore gevis power and commissioun to Jhonn Arnot, bailyie, Henry Nesbett, William Fairly, on the ane pairt, and Alexander Owsteane, Dauid Danielstoun and Edward Galbrayth on the vther pairt, to commoun, sett downe, and devyse ane guid ordour for setting the said taxatiouns for the wynes and customes in tyme cuming, Anent the taxatiouns for the Kings Graces wynes and customes.

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and to report the sam to the counsall the nixt counsall day, be ressoun the taxt of the Kings Graces customes is now renewet to the burrowes.

4 *January* 1586-7.

Precept, awld gallows.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus red the rowme of the awld gallows, baynes, deid corssis and all.

11 *January* 1586-7.

Girs of the buriale.

Inrespect of the troblous tyme of the pestilence, remits and discharges to Jhonn Watt, smyth, the sowm of ten pund of the dewtie awand to the dene of gild for the girs of the buriall place the said yeir.

1 *February* 1586-7.

Statutes, cordiners.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be William Huchesoun, deykin of cordiners of this burgh, for himselff and in name and behalff of the brether of the said craft, makand mentioun that quhair thair predecessoures of the said craft obtenit of awld dyuers guid and proffitabill priuelegeis for the weill of thair craft and all our Souerane Lords lieges, and hes bene in possessioun thairof quhill of laitt, be negligence and owersicht, the sam hes nocht bene putt to sic executioun as the necessitie thairof requyret, quhairby all things is grown to ane greitt abuse and thai grittumlie hurt and preiugeit be vnfriemen and be the insufficiencie of the ledder; attoure, it is specially provydit be the laitt decreitt of vnioun betuix the merchants and craftismen of this burgh that quhair any craft sall fynd or devyse any guid and proffitabill heids, lawes or articles, for weill of the craft and proffeitt of our Souerane Lords lieges, that thai suld propone the sam to thair lordschips to be allowit and authoriset be thame, according to the quhilks thai haif collectet certane heids and articles furth of thair awld priuelegeis and furth of the ancient lawes and statutes of this burgh, adding thairto sic vther heids as ar maist necessar for the commoun weill, help and support of friemen, and for guid ordour and pollicie amangs thameselffis, desyrand thairfore thair lordschips to wey and consider the said articles, and thai beand fund guid and proffitabill to allow and authorise the samyn and decerne thame to stand as perpetuall

lawes in tyme cvming, with executioun to follow thairvpoun, and to grant to thame ane act of counsall vpoun the samyn, vnder the seill of caus, as is grantet to vther crafts of before, as the said supplicatioun proportet; quhilk with the said articles beand red and considerit, the said provest, baillies, counsell and deykins of crafts gaif commissioun to certane merchants and craftismen to intreat, confer and ressoun vpoun the saidis articles; quhilkis persouns haiffand convenit, ressonit and consultet thairvpoun, and reformet certane poynts and claussis thairof, maid report this day of the samyn to the saidis provest, baillies, counsall and deykins of craftis, quha cawset the said articles to be oppinly red, and beand avyset thairwith, after mature deliberatioun, fand the samyn guid, honest and proffitabill for the said craft and all our Souerane Lords lieges, and thairfore ratefeit and approuit the samyn, interponit thair authoritie thairto, and decernit and ordanet thame to be obseruet and keipet as pepetuall lawis in tyme cuming, in maner and vnder the paynes contenit thairinto, with reddy execution to follow thairvpoun, and hes grantet to the said deykin and brether and thair successouris this present act and ordinance thairof and ordanet the seill of caus to be appendet to the extract thairof; prouyding alwayes that gif any questioun sall aryse vpoun the said articles or any poynt or clause thairof, the interpretatioun, executioun, and mitigatioun of the samyn sall be at the discretioun and jugement of the provest, baillies and counsall of the said burgh for the tyme, according to the qualiteis and circumstances of the persouns, tyme, maner and places; of the quhilkis heids and articles, approuit as said is, the tenour followis:—First. Forswamekill as the predicessoures of the said provest, baillies, counsall and deykins, of guid memorie, diligentlie considering and vnderstanding vpoun the supplicatioun gevin in to thame be the maisters and hedismen of the said craft for the tyme, thair nichtbouris and conburgessis, that oure Souerane Lords lieges ar grittumelie skaithet and defrawdet be insufficient wark of ignorant persouns, lawborers bayth in blak wark and barket ledder, than daylie bocht and sawld within this burgh, als weill be fremen as vnfremen and owtlands men, on the wolk dayes als weill as on the merket dayes, the fredome and priveleges of burgessis destroyet thairthrow, contrar the commoun weill;

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for reformatioun thairof, be thair lettres patent, vnder thair seill of caus, limitt and ordanet certane persouns maisters and owrismen of the said craft, sworne in thair presens, quha suld euery merket day diligentlie serche, visie, and sie all maid wark and barket ledder cumand and presentet in the merket, and it that thai fand sufficient till mark it, and quhair thai fand fals feigngyeit wark or barket ledder the sercheris till bring it to prouest and baillies for the tyme, and at the will of thame till escheitt the stufe faltive and the persouns to pvneis as effeires, swa that the Kingis lieges be nocht dissavet and that na sic stufe be sawld on the merket day quhill the sercheris haif visit the samyn, nor yitt that nane be strikkin vp to sell quhill vij houris at somer and ix houris in wynter before none, vnder the payne of escheitt and pvnesing the persouns as said is; and that na owtlands folk dwelland without this burgh nor vnfriemen by any rwch hydes nor barket ledder within this toun bot on the merket day allanerly, vnder the payne abonewrittin; and, attoure, than for certane resonabill caussis moving thair lordships predicessouris, bayth for honesty of the said burgh and proffit of the said stufe, maid wark and vtheris pertening to the said craft, thay locat, limitt and ordanet the merket place for selling of thair wark and vther stufe foresaid in the merket day in the Kowgaitt fra the new well to the Grayfreiris allanerly; as at lenth is conteint in the said lettre off the daitt the sext day of December j^{m} v^{c} xiij yeiris; the quhilks being of sic antiquitie, and for ane commoun weill, the said deykin and brether desyret thair lordships to ratifie, approue, authoreis and allow in all poynts, and ordane the samyn to be obseruet, keipet and obeyit in all tyme cuming, and to mak, creatt and constitute the deykin and sex quarter maisteris of the said craft and thair successouris yeirly to be generall searcheouris for putting the samyn to executioun be the assistance of thair officeris, exceptand heirinto the place of the merket of barket ledder to be in the nether kirk yaird quhair the samyn is presentlie placet induring the townis will allanerlie, and that it sall be lesum to the burgessis of this burgh and friemen to sell thair barket ledder at all tymes, the samyn beand guid and sufficient stufe. Item, for putting remeid to the present derth and eschewing the lyke in tyme cuming, that all forestalleris, regraiteris and cowperis of barket ledder be dischairget,

and to statute and ordane that na maner of persouns present any barket ledder to the merket bot sic as byes the samyn rowch and barkis the samyn be thameselflis or thair seruands; and that nane of the said ledder be huirdet or keipit in howssis bot be brocht altogedder to the merket at the houris beforementionat, that the samyn may be tryet be the serchеouris to be sufficient stufe to serue the Kingis lieges, vnder the payne of escheitting of the said ledder; and that the friemen of the said craft be nocht sufferit to sell insufficient stufe mair nor the owtlands men, thairfore that thai lykewayes that barkis any ledder within this burgh present thair barket ledder or ane resonabill pairt thairof to the commoun merket appoyntet, to the effect that the samyn may be sercheit and markett as the owtlands mennis ledder is, vnder the payne foresaid, Item, that na vnfriemen cum to the merkett to by any ledder before xj houris past, to the effect that friemen may be first staiket that beiris portabill chairges, vnder the payne of wairding of the said vnfriemen and paying of ane vnlaw of xx s. Item, thatt all maid stufe present the merkett and be sawld be the lawboreris thairof or thair seruands that the samyn may be tryet gif it be sufficient or nocht for serving of the Kings Graces lieges be the sercheouris foresaid and the insufficient wark escheitt, and that all wark vnsawld be remouet at xij houris euery Mononday conform to the awld ordour, vnder the payne of xl s. Item, that na vnfriemen bring any bwits or schone or vther maid wark to sell within the fredome of this burgh bot on the Monondayes and present the samyn to the merket in tyme and place appoyntet, vnder the payne of escheitt thairof. Item, thatt all bwithes within this burgh be searchett owlkly or swa oft as neid is be the said sercheouris and the insufficient wark escheitt. Item, that on the Sondayes na buithis be oppin after ix houris in the morning, and that na wark be wrocht at any tyme the said day vnder the payne of xx s. Item, thatt na habill young men be sufferit to keip ane cobleris buith bot onely the samyn to be promittet to thame that ar threttie yeir awld past that the freimen may haif thair seruands to serue thame, and that the saidis cobleris sell thair awld wark in the Kowgaitt on the Monondayes and nocht at the croce nor on the hie streitt in dishonour of the guid toun, vnder the payne of escheitt of thair stufe. Item, that na frieman of the

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said craft being burges pak nor peill nor be pairtiner with unfriemen nor mak conventiouns with thame, vnder the payne of ten pund or tynsell of his friedome, and that na friemen and burgessis of the said craft dwell owtwith the fredome of this burgh nor wirk his wark owtwith the fredome, vnder the payne foresaid. Item, that na maister ressett ane vthers prenteis or seruand without leif or ane resonabill caus first schawin and tryet, vnder the payne of xx s. Item, at the taking of any prenteis that tryell may be tayne gif the resaver be worthie to tak ane prenteis and to instruct him and gif him meitt and drink sufficiently, to statute that all indentouris be subscryuet be the deykin or his clerk vtherwayes the prenteis nocht to be bwiket in the townis prenteis buik. Als that na maister of the said craft tak ane vther prenteis quhill thair be thrie yeir owtrin of his former prenteis, to the effect that the awld prenteis may be habill to teache the secund for eschewing of vnsufficient wark, vnder the pane of five pund. Item, that nane be maid maister of the said craft except he haif bene ane prenteis for fyve yeir and seruet ane frieman for meitt and fie thre yeiris thairafter or ellis marie ane burges dochter, vnder the payne of ten pund to be payet be the deykin and quartermaisters that admitts him maister and als mekill be thame that procures in contrair heirof. Item, to ordane ane of thair lordships officeris to putt the premissis to executioun be passing with the searcheouris and ane of the touns collectouris of the vnlawes and wairding or poynding for the vnlawes and intrometting with the escheitt guids to be delyuerit be him to the said collectouris, to be imployet be thair lordships command according to the decreitt arbitrall, and the saidis collectouris to gif yeirlie compt thairof.

3 *February* 1586-7.

Proclamatio, wynes.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid that the best new Burdealx wynes be sawld for sex schillings the pynt, and the smaller and meaner wynes for v s. viij d. the pynt, and na darrer.

Lokman.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, . . . to haif allowet in his compts foure pund ten schillings gevin to the lokman and his marrowis quha tuik up the carioun bureit at the awld gallowis and red the grund thairof.

8 *February* 1586-7.

Ordanis Thomas Patersoun, collectour, to pay to James Nesbet, javellour, the sowme of fyve fund xiij s. iiij d. for the expenssis of ane puir preist callit Sir William Creirie quha wes wairdet be the space of ane moneth; als to pay to the said javellour xx s. gevin be him at my lord provests command to the said preist. Javellour.

11 *February* 1586-7.

Ordanet James Ros, thesaurer, to furneis new, guid and sufficient tymmer to the new gallows in the burrow mwre, and at the compleiting of the masoun wark to caus put vp the samyn. Precept, thesaurer, new gallows.

Vnderstanding that thair wes ane greitt and lang controuersie and pley betuix thair predecessouris and Thomas Hunter in the Cannogaitt, bayth befor the secreitt counsale and lords of sessioun, anent ane allegit spoliatioun fra him of thre hundreth and sum od scheip skynnis and thre quhyte webbis, with the quhilk thai intromettit as escheitt guids, be ressoun the said Thomas wes vnfrie, to the quhilk guids and haill actioun thairof the said Thomas hes maid and constitute Thomas Hunter his sone his lawfull cessioner, assignay, and procuratour *in rem suam;* quha having thairby meynit himselff vnto thame and desyret restitutioun or satisfactioun of the saids guids and at lenth referrit himselff in the townis will and renunceit all actioun and debaitt, the said provest, bailyeis and counsall and deykins, in consideratioun of the premissis, and that the pley and actioun wald haif bene coistly and tedious vnto thame, and als that the maiter hes nocht bene circumspectlie handlit, thairfore thay agreit with the said Thomas to pay to him the sowme of foure scoir merks quhilk wes gottin for the said guids and compt maid thairof be Mungo Russell, thesaurer for the tyme, and that in full contentatioun of the said skynnis and webbis and all that may result thairvpoun. Hunter, skynnis, webbis.

Considerand that the commoun rent vnderwrittin is nocht habill to be governet and brocht to ane perfectioun be thair ordinare [officers,] the dene of gild and thesaurer, quha hes alreddy gritter chairge and burding than thai ar habill to owertak, bot will requyre greitt lawbouris and travell of Jhonestoun, collectour, Currie, Trinitie College, commoun mwre.

Jhonestoun, collectour, Currie, Trinitie College, common mwre.

the maist expert that may be fund, leving him na vther thing to do, and heavand lang pruif and experience in tyme past of the zeall, guid will and qualificatioun of thair belouit nichtbour, Jhonn Jhonestoun, brother germayne to the laird of Elphinstoun, thairfore thai haif maid, creatt and constitute, and be thir presents makis, creats and constitutes the said Jhonn Jhonestoun thair verray lawfull and vndowtet procuratour, actour, factour and collectour, gevand, grantand and committand vnto him thair full playne power and commissioun, with expres mandment and chairge to collect, inbring and resave, in name and behalff of the guid towne and to the vitility and proffeitt thairof, all and quhatsumeuir annuellis, mailles, fermes, grissumes, fruits, teynds and emoluments, pertening to the personage and vicarage of Currie, callit the archideynrie of Lowthiane, and to the provestrie of the Trinitie College, siclyke to the personage of Dumberny, Poltie and Moncreif, now pertening to the saidis provest, bailyeis, counsall and deykins of crafts and thair successouris, and als of the kirk annuellis of this burgh quhilkis ar nocht alreddy evictet and recoverit be decreitt, and of the few fermes of the new sett furth pairts of the Commoun Mwir . . . and als the said Jhonn to haif the owersicht, cuir and governament of the effaires of the College laitly foundet and erectet be the guid toun in the Kirk of Feyld, and of the place, maisteris and students thairof, as his lasour and tyme may serue, according to the necessitie of the said effaires thairof and as he sall be commandet to do be the guid toun; and siclyk to haif the administratioun and seruice of the effaires of the Commoun Mwir and of the Seynis and landis quhilk sumtyme pertenet thairto and is now recoverit be the toun. . . . For the quhilk caus thay haif gevin and grantit vnto him ane yeirlie stipend of the soum of thre hundreth merks money.

17 *February* 1586-7.

Jogs, St. Michaellis well.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to sett vp ane pair of jogs at St Michaellis well.

Commissio, scatt of the Sie Catt.

Gevis power and commissioun to Jhonn Robertsoun, bailyie, the dene of gild, William Fairly, John Wilkyne, to sett the scatt of the schip callit the Sie Catt, quhairof Androw Reidpath wes maister, quhilk wes laitly

pilleit in hir vayage frome Londoun, and to tak the aythis of the merchants vpoun the quantities of thair wayrings and guids schippet. Commissio, scatt of the Sic Catt.

3 *March* 1586-7.

Ordanis the feyet watche to be haillie and compleitlie brokin and discharget on Setterday nixt, and the bailyeis to mak ane nichtlie watche of the nichtbouris, begynnand at the north west quarter. Feyet watche.

8 *March* 1586-7.

Ordanis the sex fals xx s. peices quhilk wes sent to the toun with the twa chepmen apprehendet in St Jhonestoun, and consignet in the hands of maister Alexander Guthrie, to be putt in the charter hous quhill ordour be tayne with the townis releif thairof. Fals cyngye, charter hous.

Ordanet the act daitet the 17 of March 1584, anent the fische and flescheoures, to be proclamet of new, with additioun that na fresche fische be bocht in howssis or howset salmont nor vthers, vnder the payne of xl s. escheitt and pvnessing of thair persouns, and that thai haif na ma bot four stokis in the merkett. And als inrespect of the Kings Graces proclamatioun maid for observatioun of this present Lentroun, ordanet proclamatioun to be maid that nane sell slay nor dres any flesche privatly or oppinly induring the tyme of the said lentroun, vnder the payne of wairding quhill the contraveners pay ane vnlaw of fyve pund. Proclamatio, flescheoures, fische. Flesche eitting.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus repair the wyndowes, loks durris and keyis of the hie grammer schole, and the expenssis thairof to be allowet. Als ordanis the maister of the schole to vphald the samyn in all tyme cvming according to the contract betuix him and the towne. Hie Schole.

10 *March* 1586-7.

Inrespect that the schore of Leyth is failyeit in sindrie pairts and fillet with beds of sand and with staynes, and that the commoun guid is greitlie exhawstet, fynds it expedient that ane new gift be obtenit and rayset for vptaking of the impositioun at the said port siclyke as wes grantet of before, for reparatioun and helping of the said heavin, and ordanis the thesaurer, dene of gild, and William Fairly to travell to gett the sam past. New impost at Leyth.

17 *March* 1586-7.

Precept, thesaurer Blakfreires.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to pay to Mungo Ros, baxter, the sowme of ten merk for the rentale buik of the Blakfreires to be delyuerit to him or Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour.

Calsayes.

Als ordanes the said thesaurer to prepair calsaymakeris to mak the calsay, speciallie at the eist gaitt of the Eister Mwre.

Seynis.

Siclyke fynds guid that the lands of the Seynes newlie perambulatt remayne in the townis hands, and ordanis the said thesaurer to lawbour the sam to the townis vse.

24 *March* 1586-7.

Proclamatio, Sonday preicheings.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that nane be absent fra the preicheings on the Sonday or yit vagand on the hie gaitt in the tyme thairof, and that all tavernis, catchpulles, yairdis and feylds be discharget the said tyme.

1 *April* 1587.

Men of weir to Dumfreis.

Forswamekill as the Kings Maiestie is past this day in proper persoun toward Dumfreis for suppressing of the theiffes and the Lord Maxwell, and hes left behind ane charge to the town to furneis fiftie hakbuters to follow his Grace and remayne x dayes after thair cvming to Dumfreis, as at lenth is contenit in the lettres direct thairvpoun; thairfore fynds it expedient that the said sowldiouris be leveit and rayset with all diligence and be conduceit for xvj dayes and to haif in wedges ilk persoun four pund, and twa commanders ilk persoun x li., by the pifer and swecher, and James Ros, thesaurer, to avance and pay thair wedges.

7 *April* 1587.

Frenche calsay makers.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus mak warklomes to the twa Fraynchemen, calsay makeris, sent hame to the town be Hew Broun and to mak thair expenssis quhill thai be putt to wark.

12 *April* 1587.

Heavin of Leyth.

Ordanis Androw Sclater and Jhonn Wilkyne to caus brek the swame of the mvssill scalp in the heavin of Leyth and tak ordour for pvrgeing thairof.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chargeing all parents, maisters of howssis, maisters of crafts and scholemaisteris, to putt guid ordour and reformatioun to thair childrein, seruants, prenteissis and scholers, that nane of thame be fund vagand in the streitts on the Sondayes in tyme of sermone, bayth before and after none, and that sic as may repair to the said sermones, and that nane of thame be fund disordoring or trubling the streits or passing to bikring at na tyme the said day, vnder the payne of deprivatioun to the said scholemaisters, and ane vnlaw of xl s. to the rest, and vtherwayes pvnessing of thame at the will of the magistrats. Proclamatioun, Sonday.

Anent the actioun and caus persewit at the instance of James Craig, deakin of craft of chyrurgery, and the remanent brethrene of the said craft, aganis Archbald Mwdie, hypothecar, makand mentioun that forsameikle as vpoun the tuentie day of August lxxv yearis it was statut and ordinat be the proweist and baillies decreit of counsall that na hypothecares nor vthers nocht friemen nor burgessis with the said chyrurgeans, nor tryet and admittet be thame, sould joise or exerce the said chyrurgeans or barbour craft ony tyme thairafter, vnder the payne of fourtie schillinges so oft as thay sould be apprehendet contravening the samyn, and for the samyn being callit and convict thairof the ane half of the said vnlaw to be furthcumand to the commoun guid of this burgh, the vther half to the brethrene of the said craft and thair deakin, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said decreit of the dait forsaid; quhairwpoun publicatioun was maid be vmquhill Patrik Govane, belman of this burgh for the tyme, befoir dyuers and sindrie honest and famous witnessis thairin contenit, as Alexander Barclay, Robert Craig, hypothecares, and George Welsch, with vtheres dyuers, as the said publicatioun of the dait the xxj day of August the year of God forsaid, in the self fullelie proportet; and it was of veritie that the said Archbald had contravenit the said act and ordinance maid in maner foirsaid in curing and pansing of Mathow Weiche of ane vlcer in his fute thrie oulkis syne or thairby, and daylie and hourlie sensyne applying thairto toopickis and vtheris emplasteres necessar for curing of the said vlcer, quhairfoir he aucht and sould content and pay the said vnlaw of fourtie s. to be distribute in maner foirsaid. . . . Chirurgeanes, Mwdy, apothecar.

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The saidis proweist, baillies and counsall decernis and ordanis the said Archbald Mwdie to content and pay to the said James Craig the said vnlaw of fourtie schillinges for contravening of the said statute, and to desist and ceis in all tyme cuming fra all farther intromissioun, vsing or exercesing of the said craft of chyrurgery or ony poyntes thairof, vnder the pane of the vnlaw abonewrittin.

14 *April* 1587.

Fornicatouris.

At the requeist and desyre of the sessioun of the kirk, fynds it expedient that the bailyeis executt to the rigour the act of parliament maid anent fornicatouris, inrespect the said vyce abounds swa greitly within this burgh.

19 *April* 1587.

Proclamatio, howssis setting vicious persouns.

Ordanis ane proclamatioun to be pennit and maid, chargeing all persouns to remove furth of thair howssis at Witsounday nixtt all papists, huires, thevis, evill and vicious levares, and thair resetteris, or that ar commonely brutet and suspect thairof, and nocht to sett thair howssis in tyme cvming bot sic as hes ather sufficient rent or ane lawfull and honest tred to leif vpoun, vnder the payne of ten pund swa oft as thai failyie.

Serching victualls.

Forswamekill as the guid toun hes obtenit new lettres of serchorie for staying victuall to pas furth of the cuntrey, thairfore ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, for executioun thairof, to direct ane messinger with Hary Smyth, merchant, and with the lettres to pas langs the coist syde of Fyfe to serche, seik, try, arreist and proclame the lettres and to escheitt, and gevis full power to the said Hary heirto.

21 *April* 1587.

Nesbet, bordour of rob royall.

Comperit Henry Nesbett, merchant, and produceit the bordour of the rob ryell quhilk he resauet in name of the towne fra Jhonn Moresoun, conform to ane act maid thairvpoun of before, quhilk bordour wes delyuerit to Jhonn Arnot, and he and Michaell Gilbert and Jhonn Moresoun ordanet to pas doun and present the samyn to the Kings Grace and delyuer the sam to sic as he appoynts and tak acquittance thairof.

The sam day, at afternone, it wes proponet be my lord provest that the Kings Maiestie had send for his lordschip and the bailyeis quha exponet and declaret vnto him that his Grace wes to direct embassadouris to Denmark for intreating of mariage, and thairfore desyret the guid toun and burrowis to mak the charges and expenssis of the schipping to the said imbassadouris, quhilk his grace estemet wald extend to twa thowsand pund or thairby, and my lord provest had ansuerit that it behovet the town to haif the avyse of the burrowes; inrespect quhairof the said provest, bailyeis, and counsall ordanis lettres missiues to be direct to the burrowes of Dundie, St. Jhonestoun, Stirling, Lythqw, Hadingtoun, Cowper, to send thair commissioners agane Wedinsday, and to Abirdene to send agane Fryday nixt to gif thair ansuer and avyse thairvpoun, as alswa vpoun the demand of his Maiesteis comptroller desyrand to be presently avanceit of j^{m} li. of the dewtie of the customes and promesand greitt favouris to thair estaitt at his Graces perfyte aige.

Burrowis, schipping of imbassadouris to Denmark.

22 *April* 1587.

William Littill, provest, [the bailies, council and deacons of crafts] beand avyset with the Kings Maiesteis demand, be report of my lord provest, anent the expenssis of the schipping of his Graces imbassadouris to Denmark, agreitt and consentit that my lord provest report to his Maiestie that for thair pairts thai ar content to mak the chairges of the said schipping and swa to schaw the townis guid will to his Maiestie on that behalff.

Villa, imbassadouris to Denmark.

28 *April* 1587.

Appoyntis William Fairly and Alexander Owsteane to pas to the Kings Maiestie and report the townis guid will anent the expenssis of the schipping to his Graces imbassadour to Denmark, and forther to schaw that thay had writtin to sevin or aucht of the principall burrowes and nane convenet except ane lettre come fra Sanct Jhonestoun with ane vncertane ansuer and ane commissioner for Dundie quha declairet that he culd gif na ansuer becaus the rest of the burrowes wer nocht convenet, and als appoyntes the said persouns to ressoun with his Maiestie and to bring the sowme to als littill as may be, and to obtene

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sic guid security for repaying thairof as thai can get, specially that the security be had vpoun the burrowes gif na better may be impetratt.

1 *May* 1587.

ij^{m} li. vpoun the commoun mylnis, imbassadouris to Denmark.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] att the desyre and requeist of the Kings Maiestie, agreit and consentet to avance and deburse the sowme of twa thowsand pund to his Maiesteis imbassadouris direct to Denmark for thair schipping and victuallis, and that the sam be tayne vpoun the commoun mylnis fra sic persouns as will gif the samyn for annuelrent yeirly comptand ten of the hundreth ay and quhill the lawfull redemptioun thairof.

12 *May* 1587.

Proclamatio, preichings, Sonday.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid commanding all persouns to resorte to the preichings, and that nane pas to the feylds or playes the tyme of the sermones afoir or afternone on the Sondayes, vnder the payne of wairding of thair persouns quhill thai pay ane vnlaw of xl s. swa oft as thai failyie.

17 *May* 1587.

Precept, sowldiouris to Dumfreis.

Having hard and considerit the compt produceit before thame be James Ros, thesaurer, of the wedges and expenssis of the fyftie men of weir quhilk wes send furth be the toun to follow the Kings Grace at the laitt raid of Dumfreis, fynds the sam to extend to the sowm of twa hundreth auchtein pund fyftein schillings.

24 *May* 1587.

Banket at the croce to the Kings grace and nobility.

The compt beand produceit be James Ros, thesaurer, of the expenssis maid vpoun the bankett after supper to the Kings Grace and nobility at the mercat croce vpoun the xv of this instant, at the quhilk tyme his Maiestie agreitt his said nobility, the sam extendet to threttie pund ten schilling aucht penneis.

26 *May* 1587.

Howsing to calsay-makeris.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus mak howsing in the mvre for the calsay makers and warkmen to keip thair lomes, to tak thair meitt, and to keip thame in schowres.

2 *June* 1587.

William M'Clennen, guidman of the Torres besyde Kirkcudbrycht, wairdet as ane allegit abusar of the sacraments and of mariage, oblist himself of his awin consent that he sall nocht be fund vsurping the ministratioun of the sacraments or making mariage or abusing the samyn in any tyme heirafter within this cuntrey, and that he sall resort and remayne in Galloway and nocht be fund repayring in any vther cuntrey heirafter, vnder the payne of deid, submitting him to the jurisdictioun of quhatsumeuir juge quhair he sall be apprehendet. M'Clennen, abusar.

7 *June* 1587.

The foresaid prouest, bailyeis, and counsall, for dyuers guid caussis moving thame, dischairges any craymes to be haldin on the gaitt bot in tyme of faires and of merkat dayes, and that na tymmer wark stand any langer nor thre merkat dayes at the croce and it that beis nocht biddin for to be tayne and sett in the kirkyaird. Crameris, tymmer wark at the croce.

Ordanet the proclamatioun to be renewet for removing of idill evill persouns, papists, fornicatouris, thift and resset thairof. Proclamatioun, removing evill persouns.

9 *June* 1587.

The foresaid provest, bailyeis and counsall, considerand quhat necessity the toun hes of ane guid minister in the place of vmquhill maister James Lowsoun, gevis commissioun to Jhonn Arnott, bailyie, Jhonn Jhonestoun, William Symontoun, James Barclay, to confer with the persouns depute be the sessioun of the kirk and consult for fynding owt of the said minister with the maner of his sustentatioun. Siclyke, to desyre the kirk to gif to ilk bailyie the names of the fornicatouris in his quarter that ordour may be tayne thairwith. Minister for Mr. James Lowsoun. Fornicatouris.

16 *June* 1587.

George Ros, belman, beand personally present, wes chairget and admonist that he tak na mair bot xij d. for passing with the bell throw Belman monist.

Belman monist.

the toun, specially of the indwelleris thairof, and that he be reddy to serue the puir at all tymes, vnder the payne of deprivatioun.

Seynis, grammer schole.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to caus mak the dykes for inclosing the townis bounds in the Seynis and als to putt on ane ruif and hing on the bell at the Grammer Schole.

30 *June* 1587.

Minister of the Weymes.

At the requeist of the generall assembly, be thair commissioners, maister Nicoll Dalgleische and maister Robert Bruce, agreit and consentet to pay and gif to the minister of the Kirk of the Weymes the sowme of twenty pund of stipend furth of the rent of the Trinity College; provyding that maister Robert Pont quha hes the haill rent of the provestrie indur-ing his lyfetyme and annuell furth of the commoun mylnis for the sam, allow or pay the vther twenty pund furth of his said annuell and rent thairof.

Bruce, minister.

Forswamekill as the generall assembly hes fand maister Robert Bruce ane meitt and apt minister for this burgh in place of maister James Lowsoun, and hes gevin thair consent thairto, as also that thai with the kirk and sessioun of this burgh and multitude of the toun hes consauet ane guid opinion of him, vpoun pruif gevin of his sound and leyrnet doctryne, thairfore gevis commissioun to Jhonn Arnott, bailyie, Jhonn Jhonestoun, and William Symontoun to pas and confer with him vpoun his remayning heir and vpoun his chairges and expenssis quhill the guid toun and he forther agrie.

4 *July* 1587.

Piratt in the Firth, burrowis.

Vnderstanding that thair is ane Inglis pyrat lyand in the Firth mowth quha hes pilleit certane schips and intendis to pilley all vtheris cumand in or owt at thir watteris, and that thair is presently ane conventioun of burrowes in Dundy, thairfore gevis commissioun to William Fairly to pas to the townes commissioners thair, and thai togidder to meane the mater and desyre the said burrowis to provyde ane moyane to pas vpoun the said pyrat, and the toun sall contribute and beir burding for thair pairt, and gif the said burrowes agreis heirto the said William to pas to Falkland to the Kings Grace and obtene his Graces power and authoritie to this effect.

Considerand quhow necessar and proffitabill it may be to the guid toun to haif the guid will and help of my lord secretare, bayth to the general effaires of the estaitt of burrowes and particulare effaires of this burgh, thairfore fyndes it guid that ane propyne be gevin to his lordschip, and to that effect ordanis James Ros to bye and lay in to his lordship ane half twn of Burdealx wyne and ane pype of sek in name of the toun. Propyne, secretare.

7 *July* 1587.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid commanding all inhabitants to be in reddynes in thair best airmour and convene with the bailyeis, at the nixt chairge, with hakbuts, piks and speires, agane the parliament, vnder the payne of v li. vnlaw. Proclamatio, conveneing in airmour.

Makis and constitutes Jhonn Arnott and Alexander Owsteane commissioneris for the guid toun in the parliament to be begvn and haldin in this burgh the tent of Julij instant. Commissioneris to parliament.

15 *July* 1587.

The prouest, bailyeis and counsall ordanet proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that forswamekill as our Souerane Lord, be his Graces oppin proclamatioun, hes ordanet ane generall wawpunschawing throw this realme to be haldin on Thurisday nixt the xx of Julij instant, thairfore commanding all maner of persouns indwellaris within this burgh to compeir in the Gray Freir kirk yaird the said day at x houris before none, before the prouest and bailyeis, boddin in feare of weir and arayet in thair best airmour, to witt, ather with pik or speir and the airmour effeirand thairto, or with hakbuts and the airmour effeirand thairto, and nocht with halbarts nor Jedburgh staffis, to gif thair mvsteris and attend on the said prouest and bailyeis according to his Graces proclamatioun, vnder the payne of ten punds to ilk persoun that sall be absent the said hour or wants the airmour foresaid. Proclamatio, wawpunschawing.

19 *July* 1587.

Vnderstanding that the Lord Bothwell, as schereff of Edinburgh, hes maid proclamatioun of the wawpounschawing of the scherefdome to be Lord Bothwell, borrow mvre.

Lord Bothwell, borrow mvre.

haldin vpoun the burrow mvre of this burgh, and thairby intendis to trubill the new fewit pairts thairof, thairfore gevis commissioun to Jhonn Robertsoun [and seven others] to intreatt with his lordship and with Dauid Collace, his depute, for staying thairof and to gett his lordships hand writt thairvpoun; as alswa that thai caus pen ane article to the parliament for remedy thairof in tyme cvming.

Precept, theasurer, Lord Bothwell.

For eschewing of trubill and that the town be nocht burthenit with the daynger of making mvsters of the scherefdome vpoun thair bounds, fynds it expedient to propyne my Lord Bothwell with halff ane twn of Burdealx wyne and half ane twn of Spayngyie wyne for his guid will, and thairfore ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to bye, prepair, and lay in the sam to his lordschip.

21 *July* 1587.

Ministeris ludgeing.

Ordanis maister Michaell Chisholme, dene of gild, to mak reparatioun within the dwelling hous of vmquhill maister James Lowsoun, minister, as sall be fund maist necessar and expedient for the commodity of the ludgeing and vse of maister Robert Bruce and maister Jhonn Cowper, ministeris, now occupeand the sam.

Henrysoun, land at St. Pawles Wark.

For dyuers caussis and consideratiouns moving thame, settis and for dewty lattis to Gilbert Henrysoun, sangster, sone to vmquhill Sir Edward Henrysoun, maister of the Sang Schole of this burgh, the howssis and rowmes presently occupeit be him lyand besyde Sanct Pawles Wark; [he paying six merks yearly] to the collectouris of St. Pawles Wark and bettand and vphalding the sam sufficiently induring his occupatioun.

26 *July* 1587.

Dur in the Eist Kirk.

Considerand the thrang of the peopill in the Eist Kirk ilk Sonday in tyme of sermoun, quhairby the minister hes greitt hinder to cum to the pulpett, thairfore ordanis maister Michaell Chisholme, dene of gild, to caus strik furth ane dur in the said kirk at the pulpett syde on the north pairt thairof to be ane entres to the minister.

28 *July* 1587.

Ayth of burgesses ciket.

William Littill, prouest, the bailyeis, dene of gild, thesaurer, and maist pairt of the counsall, being convenit, for dyuers caussis and consi-

derationns moving thame, ordanet the vset ayth tayne of all that ar new maid burgessis of this burgh to be augmentet in thir heid and in this maner following, viz.:—Heir I protest before God and your lordschips that I profes and allow with my hairt the trew relligioun quhilk at this present is publictly preachet within this realme and authorizitt be the lawes thairof, and sall abyde thairatt and defend the sam to my lyves end, detesting the Romayne relligioun callit papistry. Ayth of burgesses eiket.

Ordanis maister Michaell Chisholme, dene of gild, to caus big and mak at the north end of the ministeris lugeing, sumtyme occupeit be maister Walter Balcanquell and now be maister William Watsoun, minister, ane sufficient kitcheing and loft abone the sam, be avyse of my lord prouest and sic of the counsall as may be had to gif thair opinioun thairto maist skilfull in bigging, and siclyk to caus and help the grund of the north wall in the close. Ministers lugeings.

2 *August* 1587.

[Ordained that ale be sold not dearer than twelve pennies the pint.] Ale.

[Appointed Androw Schaiter, merchant, "thair maister of wark to the bigging and reparatioun of the bulwark and schoir of Leyth."] Bulwark.

4 *August* 1587.

Ordanis maister Michaell Chisholme, dene of gild, to caus mak ane saitt in the Eister Kirk to my lord chancellares wyfe quhair scho sall fynd maist commodious. Saitt in the Eist Kirk.

8 *August* 1587.

The foresaid prouest, baillies, and counsall, for the maist pairt, being convenet, after resoning vpoun the lose and hurt sustenit be the toun throw want of ane proper plaice for the meill mercatt, and the rest of the victuall merkett to be encloset, with sum consideratioun of the commodity that mycht redound to the guid toun thairthrow, for forther resolutioun to be had heirinto gevis commissioun to Henry Nesbet [and five others] to consult vpoun the place meitt for the sam, the maner to gett the money to big the sam be sic way as may be leist hurt to the toun, and mak als neir as thai can ane calculatioun of the hous maills to be payet, quhat proffeitt it may bring in to the toun, with sum platt of the forme of the hows and quhat money micht do the sam. Meill merkatt.

9 *August* 1587.

Kowgaitt calsayes.

Ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to enter the Fraynche calsaymakeris to the reparatioun of the calsayes within the Kowgaitt, vpoun the chairges and expenssis of the lands, nixt adiacent thairto, and the tennents, occupeares of the lands, to be poyndet or wairdet for the sam, and thai to haif thair releif be allowance thairof in thair mailles and dewteis.

16 *August* 1587.

Commissio Patersoun, Culros.

Vnderstanding that ane boit come fra the northland with quheitt and meill, and arryvand within thair schoir, hes quyetly past vp the watter with hir laidning to Culros, thairfore ordanis Thomas Patersoun, collectour, to pas and trye the sam and als to trye quhat schips is thair and quhat thai lose and laids and report the sam agane.

Cowper, minister.

Forswamekill as maister Jhonn Cowper, minister of this burgh, wes wairdet ane lang spaice in the Blakness, quhair he wes at greitt chairges and expenssis abone his stipend, havand as thai vnderstand na ordinare meayne to pay the sam, thairfoir thai haif gevin and grantet vnto him the sowme of fourty pund for help and support of his said expenssis.

22 *August* 1587.

Merketts of meill, cornis, butter, cheis, and woll.

Forswamekill as thair is acts of parliament maid for transporting of the meilmarket of this burgh frome the hiegaitt, and als that be the oppyn situatioun thairof and of merkets of all sorts of cornes, with the butter merkett, cheyse merket and woll merkett, thai ar all subiect to dyuers frawdes, abuses, and inconvenients, verray hurtfull to the commoun weill, as namelie, to regraiting and vphalding of derth and steilling of the townis customes, thairfore, after dyuers consultatiouns had thairvpoun, quharin the transporting of the said merketts and contracting thame in ane certane and commodious place hes bene at lenth debaittet and resonit, be the quhilk thai haif fund the inconvenients foresaids may be eschewitt and the commoun rent augmentet, with sum calculatioun thairof and platt of the patrone of the wark; all thir beand at lenth considerit, thai haif votet, thocht expedient and agreit that all the saids merketts be brocht to ane certane place quhair they may be incloset, and that hallis be biggett

for that purpose, and hes fund the Nether Kirk Yaird quhair the cordiners chop is presently situatt to be the maist apt and convenient plaice thairto, and thairfoir that money be tayne vpoun proffeit to the making and bigging thairof vpoun the commoun guid, and presently the sowm of ane thowsand pund to be borrowet for laying in of materiallis to the wark swa sone as it may be gottin, and makis and constitutes Androw Sclaiter, merchant, thair maister of wark thairto, provyding the wark be bigget be avyse of the counsell.

Merkets of meill, cornis, butter, cheis, and woll.

27 *August* 1587.

The foresaid prouest, bailyeis and counsall, with the minister and ane number of the elders and deykins of the kirk, beand convenit, and having considerit that maister Robert Rollok, principall of the townis college, hes now compleitt ane cours of philosophie in the said College, and inrespect of his lang travells tayne thairinto of before, and that he is thocht to be qualefeit for the professioun of theologie, thairfore and for vther caussis moving thame, thay fand it expedient that the said maister Robert sall begyn and teache theologie in the said College, and ordanet the sam to be proponet to the presbitery that thair consultatioun and avyse micht be had heirinto, and continewis the forther ordour to be tayne in this mater quhill this day viij dayes.

Rollok, college, theologie.

29 *August* 1587.

[The wheat being commonly sold for £6 the boll, the provost, bailies, and council ordained that the weight of bread be 19 ounces the 8d. loaf. Ale to be sold for 8d. the pint.]

Breid, ale.

1 *September* 1587.

William Littill, prouest, Jhonn Arnott, Michaell Gilbert, bailyeis, the deyne of gyld, thesaurer, and maist pairt of the counsall being convenit, forswamekill as certane of the scholeris of the Hie Schole quhais names followes hes nocht onely tayne vpoun thame to hald the schole aganis thair maister bot als maist prowdlie and contemptuously held the sam aganis my lord prouest and the bailyeis, and being requyret wald nocht render the sam, quhairby the said provest and bailyeis wes compellit to ding in peices ane of the durris thairof and win the sam be force, at the quhilk

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tyme the said scholers wes fund with pistols, swords, halberts and vther wawpouns and airmour, aganis all guid ordour and lawes, and to the evill exampill of vtheris. Followis thair names:—Gawine Tailyeour, dwelland with James Williamsoun, writter; Nicoll Bannatyne, sone to Mr. Thomas Bannatyne of Newtyle, ane of the lords of sessioun; Alexander Tulloch, sone to Robert Tulloch besyde Elgein of Murray; Alexander Naper, sone to the laird of Merchinstoun; Dauid Hammiltoun, sone to James Hammiltoun of Ormestoun; Adame Someruell, sone to Robert Someruell; Androw Ogilwy, sone to the laird of Boyne; Alexander Tulloch, sone to William Tulloch in Nairne; Jhonn Yorstoun, sone to Capitane Yorstoun. For the quhilk caus thai ar decernet to pay the sowme of xl s. ilk persoun swa mony as may pay the samyn to the reparatioun of the dur and wyndowis, and to vnderly the correctioun of thair maister in the sicht of thair condisciples. And siclyke for remembrance of this present disobedience, in exampill of vthers to do the lyk, it is ordanet and concludet that na privelege be grantet in tyme cuming to any scholers of the said schole bot anes in the yeir, to witt, fra the xv day of May to the xxij day thairof allanerly and at na vther tymes; and gif any scholeris sall seik privelege at any vther tyme bot as said is that thai be pvnist in thair persouns for the samyn.

6 *September* 1587.

jc crownis to the Kings Grace.

Comperet Jhonn Carmichaell of that ilk and producet ane lettre fra the Kings Maiestie, quhairin his Grace airnestly desyres to borrow of the towne ane hundreth crownis for avanceing of his Graces honorabill effaires, as namelie to be bestowet on the preparatioun of certane veluott saidills to be propynet be his Grace to Sir William Salust of Bartes, knicht, Frayncheman, and counsalour to the King of Navar, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said lettre subscryuet be the Kings Grace, with the quhilk the said provest, baillies, counsall and deykins beand avyset thay willingly accordet and agreit thairto, and ordanet the samyn to be tayne vpoun thair commoun guid for annuell at ten of the hundreth. . .

Bark aganis the pyrats.

And siclyk, becaus it behouet the toun to gett fyve hundreth merk for owtredding of William Blaks boitt to pas vpoun the pyrats in the

effaires of the burrowis to be ane bark to Allane Lentroun, and vnder-standing that the said Jhonn hes alreddy deburset the samyn, thairfore thai all agreitt to contract with the deburser thairof and gif infeftment of annuelrent vpoun thair commoun mylnis for the samyn. Bark aganis the pyrats.

8 [*September*] 1587.

Appoynts Jhonn Arnot, baillie, to confer with the prebendares of the Trinitie College for ane ordour to be tayne anent the resaving of the tennents of the lands pertening to the said College. Trinitie College.

Robert Inglis, kepare of the blaice, is banist this burgh for taking vp furth of the earth ane barrell quhairin the laird of Knokdoleanes bowells and intrallis wes bureit, nocht to be fund thairin agane vnder the payne of deid. Inglis banist.

12 *September* 1587.

Ordanit proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh chairgeing all landwart and owttintown beggares to depairt furth of this burgh betuix this and Setterday at evin nixttocum, and cum nocht within the samyn agane vnder the payne of putting thame in the thevis hoill quhill thai be pvnist in thair persouns conform to the acts of parliament, and that na indwellers of this burgh tak vpoun hand to howse, harberie, or ressett thame after the said day, vnder the sam payne. Siclyk that nane be fund sittand and beggand betuix Edinburgh and Leyth vnder the payne foresaid. And for executioun heirof ordanis James Ros, thesaurer, to putt men to the ports to hald furthe the saids beggares. Proclamatio, beggares.

13 *September* 1587.

Jhonn Rankene, tailyeour, wairdet for trubling the towne watch on Mononday last be taiking ane of thair hats and cutting the sam, confest his falt, come in will, and oblist nocht to do the lyke and ordanet to satisfie the pairty. Rankyne in culpa.

22 *September* 1587.

Comperit Henry Quhyte, cordiner, and renuncet and gaif ower the gift of exemptiouns from all extents, watcheing and wairding quhilk he had of the Kings Grace, and presently cancellat and raif the samyn, Quhyte, Betoun, exemptiouns.

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togidder with ane lettre and gift of serchery of hydes quhilk he had lykewayes purchest, and promittet to beir burding with the toun in all tymes coming; in respect quhairof thai ordane him to be discreitlie and fauorablie handlet in all taxatiouns. Siclyke, William Betoun, browdister, renuncet all exemptiouns and priveleges purchest or to be purchest be him heirafter and promettet to beir burding with the toun according to his power.

Proclamatio, craftis childer.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh that forswamekill as thai ar suirlie informet that sindrie craftis childer, prenteissis, feyet seruands, and taskmen, levis veray licentiously, passing fra thair wark without leve of thair maisters, and beand furth of thair maisteris howssis vnder clwd of nicht, in drynking and harletrie, as als vpoun the Sondayes nocht awaitting vpoun thair maisters nor yitt keiping the preicheings, bot passing to thair drinking, playing and harletrie, within and without the toun, thairfore commanding and chairgeing that nane of the saidis persouns tak vpoun hand to leve thair maisters seruice at any tyme without his speciall licence, and that nane of thame be fund nicht walkeris or owt of thair maisters howssis after the ten houris bell; siclyke that thai keip the preicheings and prayeris vpoun the Sondayes and depairt nocht fra thair maisters without thair licence swa that thai be nocht fund in tyme of Gods seruice in caichpullis, tavernis, aylaybowles, or in the feylds or vagand in the streitts or yitt in vnhonest or suspect plaices, vnder the payne of wairding of thair persouns swa oft as thai failyie quhill thai be pvnist at the plesure of the magestrats.

27 *September* 1587.

Contributio, Fraynche kirk.

Vpoun the report of Jhonn Edzear of the misterfull estaitt of the Fraynche kirk in Ingland, grantis that ane voluntare contributioun be maid throw this burgh for thair support, and that the avyse of the kirk be tayne heirinto that ordour may be tayne thairwith on Fryday nixt.

11 *October* 1587.

Candill, breid.

[Ordained that "na candill be darrer sawld nor xxj d. the pund of hard weik and xxij d. the rag weik"; and that the 8d. loaf weigh fourteen ounces.]

13 *October* 1587.

It is thocht expedient that the proueist, baillies, and ane number of the counsall pas to the court with the nichtbouris of Air and St. Jhonestoun, speik the Kings grace and trauell in thair favouris for the mentenance of thair priueleges. Air, St. Jhonestoun.

25 *October* 1587.

It is thocht expedient that the said prouest, baillies and counsall, for the honestie and grauitie requyrit in thair calling, convene in counsall cled with gownis in maist decent maner and nocht with cloikis, according to the acts maid thairvpoun of before, and vnder the paynis contenit thairin, and this ordour to begyn at Mairtymes nixttocum. Counsall gownis.

After consideratioun of the pryce of the quheitt, ordanis the paice of the quheit breid to be xvj vnce. Paice of breid.

26 *October* 1587.

Jhonn Arnott, prouest, the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsall and deykins of crafts, vnderstanding that thair is ane generall raid to the Bordouris appoyntet to begyn the [*blank*] and that the toun is vnder the proclamatioun thairof, and it beand reportet be my lord prouest that it behoueth ather the town to pas fordward or furneis ane hundreth men thairto, thairfore appoyntis his lordschip and ane certane of thair number to speik the Kings Grace heiranent, and to offer the townis guid will to the owtredding of the schip for the imbassadouris to be sent to Denmark for licence to abyde fra the said raid, and gif the sam can nocht be obtenit condiscendis that the said j^c^ men be vpliftet; and becaus the day of the raid is verray neir, ordanis the swesche to pas throw the town this day and throw Leyth for schawin the townes reddynes for vplifting the said men of weir that thai cum the morn to gif vp thair names and be inrollit. Raid to bordouris j^c^ men.

27 *October* 1587.

Jhonn Arnot, prouest, the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsall and deykins beand convenit, vnderstanding that my lord prouest hes Men of weir to the borderis.

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travellit quhat he can that the toun may be frie of this present raid, and that thair is na vther mids to be had bot be sending furth of ane hundreth feyet men of weir, quha will nocht be gottin feyet for na les space nor ane moneth, thairfore thai haif all agreit to the raysing of the said men of weir with diligence; and appoyntis Capitane Cranstoun to be thair capitane and Alexander Brown anseyngyie; and for payment of thair wedges agreis and condiscendis that ane thowsand merk be tayne vpoun the commoun guid vpoun annuell and the same to be cassin in with the nixt extent for releif of the said commoun guid, gevand thair power and commissioun to my lord prouest to contract for the sam, quhairof thai promeis to releif his lordschip be thir presents. And appoyntis Robert Ker, Michaell Gilbert, bailyeis, the dene of gild, and Androw Sclaiter to tak vp the names of the said men of weir, agrie for thair wedges, and tak cawtioun for thair seruice.

1 *November* 1587.

Pest in Leyth, proclamatio.

The baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsall, swa mony as wer present, vnderstanding the probabill coniectures that this greitt deid quhilk hes bene in Leyth in tymes past wes of the pestilence, fynds it expedient that certane of thair number pas to the Kings Grace and mak his Grace aduertisement thairof and obtene his Graces lettres and authority for keiping of guid ordour within the said toun and within this burgh, and appoyntis Robert Ker, [bailie, and seven others,] to pas to Leyth and visy the deid corpssis for the mair certaintie; and ordanis proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh dischairging [all inhabitants from going to Leith, ordaining all sick persons to reveal their sickness to the bailie of the quarter, and] that na persouns pas vp and doun the streits with fruit, vngyeouns, heiring, weddis, or ony maner of guidis, to sell, vnder the said payne of deid; and the lyke proclamatioun to be maid throw Leyth.

Jesuits schip of Treport.

Ordanis thame that passis to the Kings Grace anent the pest in Leyth to schaw if the schip cum fra Treport with Jesuits, vnder cullour to fetche coillis, that his Grace may putt ordour thairto.

2 *November* 1587.

Burrowes, Kings Grace.

The baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer and counsall, with the deykins

of crafts, being convenit, quhairas it wes proponit to thame be Jhonn Jhonestoun, quha suppleis the absence of my lord proueist in the conventioun of burrowes, that the Kings Grace hes requyret be his commissioneris x^m merkis of the burrowes, to be gevin to his Graces imbasssadouris that suld pas to Denmark, and thairfore desyrand quhat sall be the touns ansuer thairto, thay beand rypely avyset thairwith fynds it nocht expedient to offend his Maiestie for the plesure of the burrowis quha is swa vnthankfull to the toun, and thairfore for ansuer heirto for the townis pairt consentis to contribute for the sowm of iiij^m li. to be vpliftet for the vse abone reherset. Burrowes. Kings Grace.

3 *November* 1587.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid commanding all persouns that hes any cats, dogs, or swyne, within this burgh, that thai ather slay thame or keip thame in suir fesuance, swa that thai be nocht fund in the streits or passand fra hous to howse . . . inrespect the pestilence is lyke to incresin this burgh. Proclamatio. cats, dogs, swyne.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that all persouns, indwellers of this burgh or resortand and repayrand within the samyn, keip and obserue the publict fast inioynet be the sessioun of the kirk in the tymes appoyntet thairto, swa that vpoun the Sondayes thairof and in tyme of the sermones and prayers in the owlk dayes nane be absent thairfra, and that nane pas to thair gammis and pastymes or be fund in the tavernis the said tymes, and that na hoistlares, commoun cwiks, taverneris or topsteris, dres meitt or sell and vent thair wyne and aill the said tyme, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of v li. and wairding of thair persouns at the will of the maiestrats. Proclamatio. fast.

Inrespect the infectioun of pestilence is ryssin within this burgh, fynds it maist expedient that the persouns quhair infectioun is or hes bene be transportet and placet within the wallis of the Seynis in the townis bounds thairof, and thair to be devydet, separat, and clengeit; and gevis commissioun to Robert Ker, baillie, and the thesaurer to designe the plaices maist meitt thairto, and als gevis commissioun to my lord prouest, with the bailyeis and thesaurer, to fynd owt, agrie, and conduce the clene and fowle clengeris with thair owerseyares; and ordanis the said thesaurer to pay thair wedges, and als to mak the lugeis for the fowle Pest.

Pest.

clengeris, buriers and pvre, and to mak and set vp twa gibbets in the town, as alswa to furneis all vther necessars appertening to the governament of the said seiknes and sustentatioun of the pure infectet persouns. Siclyke, ordanis the said thesaurer, with avyse of the baillies, to put ane man with the porteris to ilk port of the Nether Bow and West Port.

Straynger scholeris, College.

Ordanis ten pund to be gevin to ilk ane of the thrie strayngeris scholeris quha gaif thair prwif in the College with the rest for the place of the new regent.

6 *November* 1587.

Proclamatio, Leyth, infectioun.

[Ordained that no persons repair to Leith without licence of the magistrates, that cases of sickness be revealed to the bailies, that no persons out of infected houses repair amongst the neighbours, that unfree persons who have not sufficient to sustain themselves for a month depart furth of the town, and that no dogs, cats, or swine be suffered to be at large.]

Commissio, seiknes.

Becaus the counsall can nocht convene at euery accident that may fall furth in the tyme of this seikness, thairfore gevis thair commissioun, power, and authoritie to William Littill, awld provest, [and six others,] to convene with the magistrats and gif thair avyse for taking ordour withall things concerning the seiknes ilk day after the morning and evening prayers.

Belman.

Discharges the belman to proclame any buriall without the avyse of the provest or bailyeis, and lykewayes that thair be na buriall bot of thair knawlege.

8 *November* 1587.

Heslop, regent in the College.

Electet and nominat furth of the scholeris quha gaif the prwif of thair eruditioun and qualeficatioun in the College of this burgh, be thair publict disputatiouns, maister Phillop Heslop to be regent of the new class in the said College quhilk is to begyn this instant yeir thair cours, as the persoun maist apt and meitt for the said place.

Girs of Grayfreir yaird, hospitall yaird.

Fynds it expedient that the girs of the Grayfreir kirk yaird, the dewtie quhairof is vpliftet be the dene of gild yeirly, and siclyke the girs of the yairdis in the Trinity College pertening to the puir thairof and vpliftet be the maisters of the hospitall, be rowpet this yeir at Mairtymes evin amangs the rest of the commoun guid, and that proclamatioun pas thairvpoun.

10 *November* 1587.

Inrespect of the pouerty of Issobell Hagy, relict of vmquhill Jhonn Banks, ane of the beidmen of Sanct Pawles Wark, and that hir said vmquhill spous wes ane burges of this burgh and buir burding within the samyn, and for dyuers vther caussis moving thame, thay grant and gevis to the said Issobell the dewty quhilk hir said vmquhill spous had of St. Pawles Wark of all tymes bygane sen his deceis. and siclyk in tyme cuming induring thair willis and thair successouris allanerly. St. Pawles wark.

The foresaid prouest, baillies and counsall, and maist pairt of the remanent deykins of crafts, fynds it expedient that ane taxatioun be sett and rayset vpoun the inhabitants of the toun of Leyth for thair pairt of the licence to abyde fra the raid to the borderis; and the saymn being vpliftet grantis and disponis the samyn to the sustentatioun of the puir, indigent and infectet persouns thairof in this tyme of pestilence, to be distributet at the discretioun of the baillies of the said town. Leyth, taxatioun, raid, puir.

14 *November* 1587.

Fynds it expedient that ane dur be strukkin throw the toun wall to serue for entres to the Trinitie College and hospitall thairof at the fute of Halkerstouns Wynd, als weill for the clengeing of Androw Sclaiters geir in the awld wallis of Dyngwall as for vther occasiouns quhen the town sall haif ado thairwith, and gevis commissioun to the dene of gild, [and five others,] to tak ordour for clengeing of the said guidis and strikking furth of the said yett or dur, and ordanet the said dene of gild to mak the expenssis of strikking furth of the said dur. Yett in the toun wall at the hospitall.

17 *November* 1587.

Fynds it expedient and necessar for halding furth of the pepill of Leyth, quhilk comes about to gett in at the West Port, that for the space of aucht dayes ane watcheman be putt at Brochtoun lon heid, or sic vther places as the baillies and thesaurer sall fynd meitt. Watche for halding furth Leyth.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chairgeing all menstrallis, pyperis, fidleris, commoun sangsteris, and specially of badrie and filthy sangs, and siclyke all vagabounds and maisterles persouns quha hes na seruice nor Proclamatio. menstrells. vagabounds.

Proclamatio, menstrells, vagabounds.

honest industrie to leif be, remoue and depairt furth of this burgh incontinent, and be nocht fund within the samyn heirafter vnder the payne of imprysonment in the thevis hoill and pvnesing of thair persouns at the will of the magestrats.

Bell banist.

Bartelmo Bell, apprehendet and wairdet for ane vicious and sclanderous persoun and for singing oppinly of filthie and badrie sangs, oblist himself to depairt furth of this burgh incontinent and nocht to cum within the samyn heirafter, vnder the payne of deid.

22 *November* 1587.

Maisteris of the hospitall.

[The provost, bailies, and council elected, "furth of the lytes presentet to thame fra the sessioun of the kirk," James Craig and Alexander Naper to be masters of the hospital for the year to come.]

24 *November* 1587.

Rollok, stipend.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] vnderstanding be report of thame that wes direct to confer with maister Robert Rollok twicheing his stipend for his seruice as principall of the townis College and teacheing of ane class of theologie and of publict lessouns in the said College, and for his teacheing vpoun the Sondayes in the morning in the Eister Kirk, that he had referrit him in the townis will thairof; and consideratioun beand had of his burding in the offices and cuires foresaidis, and of his wyfe and famely quhilk he hes to sustene, thairfore they haif grantet and disponet vnto him in yeirlie stipend the sowme of foure hundreth merks induring his said seruice to be payet to him quarterlie.

1 *December* 1587.

Proclamatio, armour, nicht watche.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] considerand that ane greit number of the inhabitants of this burgh ar remouet furth thairof with thair howssis and fameleis, quhairby the town is in daynger of inconvenients that may follow throw thair absence, thairfore ordanet proclamatioun to be maid chairgeing all persouns that remaynis still in this burgh to haif lang wawpons in thair buithis and that thai haif sufficient airmour in thair howssis; and that for defence of the toun and keiping of the nychtbouris howssis thai be in reddynes attending vpoun the prouest and

baillies swa oft as thai sall be chairget be the swescheor bell, ilk persoun vnder the payne of x li. swa oft as thai failyie. Attour, inrespect of the slewth of the ordinare watche of the nychtbouris and raritie of the toun, it is thocht expedient and ordanet that thair be tayne vp, conducet, and inrollet the number of fourty persouns to serue for ane nicht watche, and twenty thairof to watche ilk nycht, and to haif wedges onely for the nicht that thai watche, to be avanceit be the thesaurer and ramburset of the extent, and the provest and baillies to fynd owt qualefeit, honest, and trew persouns to be of the said watche and agrie with thame for thair wedges.

Proclamatio airmour, nicht watche.

13 *December* 1587.

My lord prouest produceit the extract of the act of parliament anent the pryces of the wynes and tymmer, togidder with ane lettre of the Kings Maiestie of electioun of certane gentillmen to concur to the making of the said pryces. [Here follows act of parliament, dated 29 July 1587, cap. 36.*] Followes the said lettre :—Prouest, baillies, and counsall of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. Albeit the ordour prescryuet in our laitt act of parliament anent the setting of the pryce on wyne and tymmer and chesing of persouns to that effect wes nocht fullie obseruet at the last Michaelmes court, yitt seing few of the wynes ar yitt cum hame or disperset we think the defalt may be suppleit for this yeir, and thairfore for the foure personis to be chosin at the Michaelmes court and be ws and oure secreit counsell we haif nominat the lairds of Corstorphin, Merchinstoun, Innerleyth and Braid, to quhome we desyre yow to appoint foure burgessis of sic qualiteis as the act of parliament appoynts, and caus wairne thir foure baronis quhilk ar your narrest nychtbouris, according to our chairge direct to that effect, quhilk with the said act of parliament ye sall heirwith resaue, and sa proceid in this mater as neyther we nor our subiects haif iust caus of

Anent the pryces of wyne and tymmer.

* Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, vol. iii. p. 451. By this Act it was ordained that in each sheriffdom there should yearly be two barons, or sufficient landed gentlemen, nominated at the head court after Michaelmas, yearly, and other two persons at the same time nominated by the King and his Secret Council, all of whom so elected should reside in the burgh, or within six miles of it ; and that four burgesses, either merchants or craftsmen, not trading in wines or timber, were to be chosen yearly at Michaelmas by the council of each burgh. These eight persons were appointed to be "the onely pryceares of all wyne and tymmer that cumis within this realme heirafter."

Anent the pryces of wyne and tymmer.

complaynt, as ye will ansuer to ws thairvpoun and do ws acceptabill plesure. Thus we committ yow to God. At Dalkeyth, the viij day of December, 1587. *Sic subscribitur :* JAMES, R., J. M., *Cancellarius.* Quhilk act of parliament and lettre being considerit, the said prouest, baillies and counsall, electet and nominat maister Michaell Chisholme, dene of gild, Androw Sclaiter, merchant, Edward Galbrayth, skynner, George Hereott, goldsmyth, to be prycears of the wyne and tymmer according to the said act of parliament, quha acceptet the said office vpoun thame.

20 *December* 1587.

Cordiner chops, young beggares.

Vnderstanding that thair is sindrie of the cordiner chops presently voyde, fynds it expedient that swa mony thairof as may be had be imployet to the resaving and lugeing of the puir littell aynes that gangs thiggand throw the gaits and lyes vnder the staires, quhill forther ordour be tayne heiranent.

29 *December* 1587.

Ramsayes wyfe in the jogs.

Ordanet the spous of James Ramsay, officer, for bakbyting, sclandering, and iniuring of William Aird, minister, quhen he gently admonist hir and hir spous for blasphemyng of God, thairfore, to the exampill of vtheris, to be put in the jogs maist ewest the place quhair the falt wes done, on Mononday nixt, thair to stand for the spaice of twa houris with ane paper on hir heid.

Actis and statuts.

The actis and statuts of the burgh of Edinburgh, maid and set furth be the prouest, baillies, and counsall of the samyn, for the commoun weill thairof, and of all our Souerane Lords lieges, the xxix of December, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} lxxxvij yeirs, and ordanet to be proclamet at the merket croce of the said burgh that nane pretend ignorance thairof :—

Athis, bairds.

Forswamekill as, for laik of pvnisement, dyuers of the inhabitants of the said burgh and vtheris ar become oppin blasphemeris of Gods hailie name and swereris of maist horrebill and execrabill aythis, as alswa sclandereris of thair nychtbouris, and vtheris ar shameles and vndantonet bairds, nocht spayring at all tymes, without any feir of God, ciuile honestie, or guid maneris, to schute furth thair venome and vnbrydelit furie vpoun all persouns, without respect of authoritie or power, as by thair evill nature thai ar movet ; quhairfore the said prouest, baillies, and

counsall declaires that the paynes contenit in the last act of parliament sall be extremely execut vpoun the said blasphemeris of Gods name and swereris of the saidis aythis, and as to the commoun bairds thay sall be tayne incontinent and putt in the jogs, thair to remayne be the spaice of xxiiij houris and forther to pay ane vnlaw of xl s. swa oft as thai failyie. Aythis, bairds.

[Here follow acts for the repression of adultery and fornication, against vagabonds, coal stealers, sturdy beggars and idle persons, as to pursuing actions before the magistrates, keeping weapons in houses and booths, assizes, inquests and witnesses, bread, malt, ale, brewsters, meal, wheat, bear, corn, fish, poultry, geese, fleshers, tallow, candles, stablers, wool, hides and skins, weighing at the tron, hucksters, wine, unfreemen, trublances, middings, swine, crames, etc. It was ordained that the eightpence loaf baked by baxters within the burgh weigh 15 ounces, and that baked without the burgh 19 ounces; that malt be not dearer than £9 for nine firlots, ale 8d. the pint, candle 1s. 8d. the "rag weik," and 1s. 6d. the "hard weik," Burdeaux wine 5s. 4d. the pint.] Several acts.

3 *January* 1587-8.

Be ressoun that David [*blank*], vnder belman, is fund verray negligent in his office, specially in tyning the key of the assyse hous dur and leving the sam oppin, quhairby the steipill wes in daynger of surprysing in this trublous tyme, to the vtter wrak and hasard of the haill toun, thairfore ordane that in exampill of vthers he be scurget vp and doun the tolbuith. Belman culpabill.

5 *January* 1587-8.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid that the maisters of the College and Grammer Schole of this burgh is to enter to thair chairges and begyn thair classis on Mononday nixttocum, and thairfore wairning all students and scholeris to repair to thair scholes and maisters the said day. Attour, commanding that nane send thair childrein to the saidis scholes quha hes any seik in thair howssis, vnder the payne of deid. Proclamatio, scholes begynnand.

12 *January* 1587-8.

Maister Jhonn Cowper, minister, comperand and beand demandet quhidder it wes his mynd and will to remayne in this burgh and exerce the functioun of ane minister within the samyn as he wes nominat and electet be thame thairto, ansueret and declayret that he wald serue heir Cowper, minister.

Cowper, minister.

quhill the nixt generall assembly and thairafter with thair guid willis he wald provyde for himselff quhair he mycht serue in ane vther place mair commodiously to discharge his calling; be the quhilk ansuer thai fynd the said maister Jhonn of mynd to depairt and leif thame and thairfoir that thai ar na mair astrictet to him as thair pastour.

24 *January* 1587-8.

My Lord Blantyre. Cowper, minister.

Comperit my lord of Blantyre and desyret ane resolute ansuer gif thai wald grant thair guid willis to the removing of maister Jhonn Cowper, minister, to pas to Glasqw, thay ansuerit and declaret inrespect of the said maister Jhonns ansuer gevin to thame the xij of this instant that gif his lordschip obtenis the said maister Jhonis awin guid will, with the consent of the generall assembly, thay for thair pairts grants lykewayes thair guid willis to the said maister Jhones depairting.

Rex, proclamatio, keiping of the ports of the toun.

My lord prouest producet the Kings Maiesteis lettre vnderwrittin, quhilk thai ordanet to be registrat, quhairof the tenour followis:—Rex. Prouest and baillies of our burgh of Edinburgh, we greitt yow weill. Vnderstanding that thair is sum nobillmen, barronis, and vtheris, our lieges, quhilkis ar to repair schortly to that our burgh in airmis, vpoun na guid intentioun as appeiris, sen thair is na occasioun knawin to ws moving thame any wayeis to convocatt, thairfore it is our will and we command yow that ye caus gaird your ports with sum of your nychtbouris, bodin with lang wapouns and hagbuts, nycht and day, suffering na baronis, gentilmen, nor vthers, seuerallie nor accumpaneit togidder, to haif entres thairin, quhilks ar bodin with airmour, nather any erle or lord ony wayes to enter vnto the tyme ye mak ws foresene quhat thai ar, how and in quhat maner thai ar bodin, and that ye knaw forder of our will and mynd towards thame, as ye will ansuer to ws, kepand thir presents for your warrand. Subscryuet with oure hand, at Halyruidhous, the xxiiij day of Januarij, 1587. *Subscribitur:* James, R., J. M., *Cancellarius.* Quhilk being red and considerit thay all agreit to obey the samyn, and for forther gairding and keiping of the toun ordanet proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh be sound of the swesche, commanding and chargeing that all burgessis and inhabitants of this burgh, bayth maisteris and

seruands, addres and prepair thame selffis to be in reddynes to convene with the prouest and baillies swa sone as thai sall be charget be oppin proclamatioun, or be the officeris of thair quarters, arrayet in thair best airmour, in weirlyke maner, to witt, ather with hakbuts or with lang wawpouns, sic as speiris and piks, with the furnesing belanging thairto, and attend vpoun the saidis prouest and baillies, obeying thair command and directioun, vnder the payne of fyve pund to be tane of ilk persoun that sall be absent fra the place of conventioun to be appoyntet or that wantis the airmour foresaid, and that sic as hes any foirbuith haif airmour and wawpouns within the samyn, and that euery persoun weir his sword daylie quhill thai be dischairget, vnder the payne foresaid. Siclyke, commanding all hostileris and staibleris to cum to the baillies of thair quarteris and gif vp to thame in writt the names of the persouns that ar lugeit with thame presently and vse the samyn ordour daylie quhill thai be dischairget, vnder the payne of fyve pund swa oft as thai failyie.

Rex, proclamatio, keiping of the ports of the toun.

Ordanis Edward Mawchane, thesaurer, be the avyse of Andrew Sclater, maister of wark, to putt warkmen to the casting of ane fowsie owtwith the town wall, at the Kowgaitt port, and siclyke to big vp with dry stanes the new maid yett at the Trinity College.

Town wall, Trinitie College.

31 *January* 1587-8.

For keiping of ane guid and substantious watche within this burgh, fynds expedient that the day watche be of the nichtbouris of the town, of the number of fourty persouns, thairof xx persouns to be sent to the Nether Bow, and xx to the West Port, to continew about throw the quarteris quhill thai be discharget, and that the feyet watche serue on the nicht.

Watche.

7 *February* 1587-8.

My lord provest producet ane lettre sent frome my Lord Hammiltoun, contening ane purgatioun of certane allegit bruits rayset vpoun him of interpryses of sakkage of this burgh and alteratioun of the relligioun, vnto the quhilk lettre thai ordanet ane ansuer to be writtin that thai nather knaw nor said sic things of his lordschip, nor consauet euir sic opinioun of him.

Lord Hammiltoun.

9 *February* 1587-8.

Balcanquill, Cairnis, ministers.

Considerand that maister Walter Balcanquell and Jhonn Cairnis, ministeris of this burgh, throw the greitt derth of all wairis and viueris this present yeir, is nocht habill to sustene thameselffis and thair fameleis vpoun thair ordiner stipends, thairfore thai haif grantet and gevin to the said maister Walter the soum of ane hundreth merkis and to the said Jhonn Cairnis the soum of fyftie merks for releif of thair burding and chairges the said yeir.

Keping the stepill.

For the better gairding and keping of this burgh in this apperand tyme of trubill, fynds it expedient and agreit that thair be sex men hakbuters conducet for ane moneth to keip the stepill and remayne thairin day and nicht, and remittis to the provest and baillies to conduce the persouns, and to se that thai be honest and trew, habill and sufficient persouns, and skilfull in the hakbut.

1 *March* 1587-8.

Proclamatio, sermonis, merkats, merchant buithis.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid throw this burgh, commanding that na butter merket, fische merket, nor breid merket, be haldin in tyme of the sermonis, and thairfore that nane presume to by or sell in the saids merkets fra the greitt bell begyn to ring, vnder the payne of xl s. swa oft as thai failyie, to be tayne bayth of the byare and sellare. Siclyke, that na merchat buithis be haldin oppin after the ringing of the said bell, and that all persouns, merchants and craftismen, repair to the saidis sermonis and be nocht absent thairfra, vnder the payne of wairding of thair persouns ay and quhill thai pay ane vnlaw of xl s. swa aft thai failyie.

Freiris rentall.

Ordanis the thesaurer to gif and delyuer to Mungo Ros, baxter, the soum of ten merk for the rentale buik of the Blakfreiris presently producet and delyuerit to Jhonn Jhonestoun in name of the toun.

Vernour, gild brother, commoun cuikery.

In presens of the prouest, baillies and counsall, comperit Robert Vernour, skynner, and actit, band and oblist him self, of his awin consent, that forswamekill as he is presently resauet and admittet gild brother of this burgh, thairfore to obserue and keip the lawes and consuetudes of burgh concerning the gild brether thairof, and to desist and ceis fra all

tred and occupatioun in his awin persoun that is nocht comely and decent for the rank and honesty of ane gild brother, and that his wyfe and seruands sall vse and exerce na poynt of commoun cwikry outwith his awin hous, and namely that thai sall nocht sell nor cary any meitt, dishes or courses throw the toun to priuat chalmers, hostillare howssis, or ony vther part owtwith his awin howse, vnder quhatsumeiur cullour or pretense, nor pas to brydellis or bankets within or without this burgh, to vse the occupatioun of commoun cuikry, or yitt be sene in the streits with thair aiprunes and seruiets as commoun cuikis and thair seruands vses to do; and that vnder the payne of tynsall of his liberty and fredome of ane gild brother without all favour for euir. Vernour, gild brother, commoun cuikery

6 *March* 1587-8.

Ordanis the thesaurer to caus mak ane pair of trey buits according to the patrone thairof come from Dundie. Trey buits.

Forswamekill as it is complenit to thame be the maisters of scholes that thai ar defrawdet of thair wedges be the parents of the childer put to thame to leirne, thairfore ordanis proclamatioun to be maid commanding that nane putt their childrein to the saidis maisters without thai pay the first quarter payment in hand, and that thai tak thame nocht away quhill thai pay the byrun quarteris restand, swa that the saidis maisters haif na just caus of complaynt heirafter. Proclamatio, maisteris of scholes wedges.

22 *March* 1587-8.

Jhonn Jhonestoun, collectour, producet and delyuerit to Alexander Vddert, in name of the guid toun, ane Portugall ducatt, by and attour the fyftie merk gevin of before to the help of the reparatioun of the Trinity College Kirk, bayth gevin be ane certane persoun of godlie zeall to that vse. Trinity College.

3 *April* 1588.

The baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer and counsall, for the maist pairt beand convenit, vnderstanding that sum hes begun to hald ane fische Fische merket in the Cannogaitt.

Fische merket in the Cannogeitt.

merket in the Cannogaitt, to the preiudice of the liberteis of this burgh, thairfore ordanis ane baillie to pas and stay the samyn.

Fals hard heids.

Certane fals hardheids beand fund vnder the earth in ane laich sellare of Hary Gibsouns hous in Leyth, quhilk is in the forland of Jhonn Burne, now pertenand to Michaell Gilbert, baillie, wer brocht vp be Capitane Maistertoun, ane of the baillies of Leyth, and beand weyit in William Gechanes buith, in presens of the baillies and sum of the counsall, extendet to fyve pund allevin vnce wecht, dirt and all, and wes delyuerit in keping to Edward Mawchane, thesaurer, quhill forder ordour wer tayne thairwith.

5 *April* 1588.

Proclamatio, setting of lands, wemen seruands, nvreissis, fornicatoures.

Forswamekill as thair is sindry personis fund to dwell, remayne, and hald howse within this burgh quha nocht only ar vnfrie bot als ar papists, or leids ane wikket and licentious lyfe, in harletry and thift, or ressaitt of committares and doares thairof, blasphemeris of Gods name, swering execrabill aythis, iniurious to thair nichtbouris, beggares and vtheris, daylie flokkand in and resortand to this burgh, swa that all kynd of vyce is apperand to abound within the samyn, and that cheifly be occasioun of thame that settis thair howssis and lands at thair awin liberty and plesure to all sort of persouns for thair awin gredie lucre and proffeitt, without respect of the religioun or conversatioun of thair tennents, for remeid quhairof ordanis proclamatioun to be maid commanding all heretouris, lyferentares, coniunct feares, takkismen, factouris, or setteris of lands or howsis within this burgh, now in dew tyme to mak wairning to all thair tennents that ar nocht burgessis and fremen, or thair relicts and wedowes, and to all vtheris quhatsoeuir that ar bruitet or suspect of papistry, blasphemeris of God and his word, or leding ane euill lyfe in tyme past, or yitt hes resset the persouns gilty or suspect of the crymes abone reherset, or that ar knawin beggars, to remove thame furth of thair lands and howssis, at the feist and terme of Witsounday now approcheand, and that thai set nane of thair lands and howssis to ony maner of persouns quha ar nocht burgessis and fremen, or thair relicts and wedowes, or yitt to ony that ar notet, brwitet, or suspect of the crymes foresaids, or hes nocht sum knawin honest and lawfull industrie to leif be, certefeing the

setter of the saidis lands and howssis that sall do in the contrar heirof, or quhen thair tennents sall be notet or fund gilty of the saidis vyces, the saidis persouns, setteris of the saids lands, sall be wairdet, or ellis thair landis or guidis poyndet for ane vnlaw of ten pund swa oft as thai failyie, to be payet to the townis collectouris, quha ar appoyntet to trye, call and pursew the contemnares of the said proclamatioun to the rigour, the persouns dwelland furth of the toun beand only wairnet at the grund of thair land wrangusly set as said is. Sielyke, that nane resaue in thair seruice, or interteny in thair howssis ony nvreissis or seruands that hes committet the vice of fornicatioun and hes nocht satefeit the kirk and reportet sufficient testimoniall thairvpoun; and gif ony sic persouns be in thair seruice that thai remove and put thame away at the said feist of Witsonday; and quhen the said cryme sall be committet in thair howssis that thai intimy the samyn to the baillie of the quarter swa sone as the sam may cum to thair knawlege, vnder the paynes foresaid.

Proclamatio, setting of lands, wemen seruands, nvreissis, fornicatoures.

17 *April* 1588.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in before thame be maister Hercules Rollok, maister of the Grammer Schole of this burgh, makand mentioun that quhair, about the space of four yeiris bypast, vpoun informatioun of maister James Lowsoun and vtheris favoreris of leirning heir, he wes imployet to vndertak the chairge of thair Hie Schole in this burgh vpoun sic conditiouns as the trublous estaitt of this commoun weill than micht suffer, and vpoun promeis be word that after tryell of his qualificatioun and diligence, at the deceiss of maister William Robertsoun (quhais pensioun wes his hinderance), or vther sic meitt occasioun, he suld be better provydet, lyke as this toun hithertill hes euir bene meinful and kynd to sic as faythfully ministeris in thair publict offices, neuirtheles it is of trewth that as, be Gods grace, he hes gevin sufficient prwif of his hability and travellis, swa he fynds the fruicts thairof towards him verray small and sclender, speciallie his ordinare stipend, beand swa scairs as thair wisdomes knawis, and his casualiteis of the scholeris verray inconstant, and be daylie occasiouns (as brute of pest and weir) easely dissoluit, bot after lang tyme hardlie sett vp and repairet, and quhen the samyn is at grittest perfectioun the commo-

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diteis thairof to be far inferiour to mennis expectatioun. This than is the effect of this present swit and requeist, that it wald pleis thair wisdomes to tak sic ordour anent him, be augmenting his stipend, as he may haif sum constant releif, albeit his casualities any tyme decay, and swa he be nocht constraynet throw carefull indigence to mixt any vther industrie with his vocatioun, quhilk in deid cravis the haill man, consideratioun alswa being had of the derth incressing daylie, quhairin he protestis faythfullie that he is nocht vtherwayes covetous of thair geir, and howppis neuir to purches any store throw moyane of the schule, bot onely is desyrous to leve soberly vpoun his lawbouris and to saif his patrimony, quhilk now he spends in their seruice, for vphald of his awld aige and prouisioun to his posterity, and he on the vther pairt in cais of thair cowrtes dealing with him dar promeis baldlie, be Gods assistance, the maist florissant schole bayth in policie and leirning that ony manis memorie can record within this realm, als weill be his present paynis as be his monuments quhilk he hes in hand to serue vtheris heirafter, to the advancement of Gods glorie and comfort of this commoun weill; as the said supplicatioun proportet. With the quhilk the said prouest, baillies, counsall, and deykins of crafts being rypelie avyset, and vnderstanding that his stipend of before extendit onely to the soum of fyftie pund yeirlie, according to the contract maid betuix the guid toun and him, thay, in consideratioun of the said supplicatioun and for the caussis contenit thairintill, and vpoun howpe of the said maister Hercules cair and vigilance in the faythfull dischairging of his dewty, [augmented his stipend by £50, making it £100 yearly, to be paid out of the common good.]

24 *April* 1588.

Ministeris lugeing.

Ordanis Edward Mawchan, thesaurer, to prepair, dres and sett vp skelffis in the over study of the ministers lugeing for putting the townis library thair quhen it sall be fund expedient.

8 *May* 1588.

Flemyng wobsters.

Be ressoun of the difference in materis of relligion betuix the kirk and the twa Flemyng wobsters dwelland within this burgh

callit [*blank*,] ordanis thame, of thair awin consent, to depesche and end owt all the nychtbouris wark quhilk thai haif in thair hand betuix this and the first day of September nixtocum, and in the meynetyme that thai convene and confer with the ministers anes at the leist ilk owlk in the ile of the kirk; and gif thai agrie nocht with the kirk betuix and the said day that thai depairt and remoue furth of the realme. Flemyng wobsters.

11 *May* 1588.

Inrespect of the apperance of trubill to aryse within the realme, fynds it expedient that the town be mair substantiously and strangly watchet, and thairfore that ilk nychtbour watche in his awin persoun or send ane habill and weill airmett man for him at the discretioun of the bailyie of the quarter, the nicht watche to begyn at ix houris at evin, and continew quhill four houris in the morning, and the bailyie of the quarter ilk nycht to sett his quarteris watche and appoynt ane merchant and a craftisman to be commander thairof and to se that thai be all weill airmitt, the absents wairnet be the officer to pay ane vnlaw of auchtein schillings, the bailyie to mak ane roll of the absents and delyuer the samyn to the collectour, and he to caus poynd thairfore without delay. Als that the thrid of the quarter watche ilk nycht; for the day watche that thair be twa persouns feyet to remayne in the stepill quha sall haif xl [d.] in the day ilk persoun. Anent the watche.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chargeing all hostilares and staiblers to gif vp in tikket to the bailye of the quarter the persouns that ludges or stabillis with thame, vnder the payne of xviij s. Proclamatio, staibleris, hoistleris.

22 *May* 1588.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid throw the toun of Leyth dischairgeing the inhabitants thairof to gif or mak any mwsteris or wawpounschawin vpoun the Sondayes or yitt convocatioun or gaddering in airmour that day or ony vther day without speciall command of the Kings Grace or of the toun thair superiour, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of v li. and pvnesing of thair persoun at the will of the magestrats. Proclamatio, Leyth, convocatioun in airmour.

24 *May* 1588.

Raid of Dumfreis men of weir.

Vnderstanding be declaratioun of my lord prouest that his lordship hes obtenit the guid toun and the rest of the burrowis vnder this present raid of Dumfries ane exemptioun thairfra for the furneising of twa hunder men of weir, thairfore thay agreit that the said men of weir be tayne vp and money gottin vpoun proffeitt for making thair charges, the remanent burrowes vnder the raid relevand the toun of thair pairt of the samyn, and ordanis the dene of gild and Edward Gallbrayth to awaitt vpoun the inrolling of the said men of weir.

29 *May* 1588.

Swescheour put in irons.

Ordanet [*blank*] Diksoun, toun swescheour, to be wairdet and put in the irnis for passing on the Sondayes at his awin hand to the May playis in Kirklistoun.

31 *May* 1588.

Seditious craftis childer.

Forswamekill as the jurnaymen and taskmen of crafts, with dyuers vthers that ar nocht fremen nor yitt bund to ane maister, ar be sindry acts and statutes of the said burgh fund and declaret to be nathing ellis bot idill vagabunds, trubleris of the quyet estaitt of this commoun weill, polluting the samyn with the vyces of nicht walking, drinking, harletry, and dissolut leving, and na les hurtfull to the honest burgessis and friemen of crafts, and be the said acts ar banist this burgh and fredome thairof vnder dyuers paynis contenit in the saids acts quhilk hitherto hes bene neglectet and contemnit be the said persouns abusing the lenity and patience of the magestrats, as amangs mony vtheris the laitt insurrectioun maid within this burgh vnder sylence of nycht vpoun the first of May instant euidently declaret; at the quhilk tyme thair was ane convocatioun of ane greitt number of craftis childer quha come to the yett of Jhonn Robertsoun, baillie, with ane jest and fore hammer to haif strukkin vp the samyn, doand that in thame lay as apperit to haif strukin it vp, spuilyeit his hous and bereft him of his lyfe, blaspheming the minister of God in his hous, disobeying and contemning my lord provest; in the quhilk interpryse the said jurnaymen, taskmen, and vnfrie persouns, wer the principall doares, devyseris and ring-

ledares; for the quhilk caus and eschewing the lyke inconvenients in tyme cuming, the said prouest, baillies, counsall and deykins of crafts, ratefeis, apprevis and confermis the former acts and statutes maid anent the saidis persouns in all poynts, claussis and articles thairof, decerning and declaring thame to be vagabunds, makeris of insurrectiouns and trubill, and ledares of ane vitious lyfe, and thairfore banesand thame be thir presents the fredome and liberty of this burgh, commanding and chairgeing thame in our Souerane Lords name and thairis, that thai depairt of this burgh incontinent and presum nocht to cum within the samyn agane without thai be bund to ane maister for meitt and fie, yeir or half yeir, quha sall ansuer for thair behaviour in tyme cuming; with certificatioun that gif ony of thame sall be fund within the fredome of this burgh heirafter, thai sall be tayne and put in waird and pvnist as vagabounds and malefactouris giltie of the crymes foresaids, according to the lawes of this realme, acts and statutes of this burgh. Sielyke, it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanit that na maner of persouns, merchants or craftismen, or vtheris indwelleris of this burgh, presume or tak vpoun hand to interteny, howse, harbery, ressett or put to wark any of the saids jurnaymen, taskmen, and workeris at any craft, quha ar nother friemen nor bund to ane certane maister for meitt and fie, yeir or half yeir, to ansuer for thame, ilk persoun vnder the payne of fourty schillings swa oft as thai failyie. And gif any maister, merchant or craftisman, hes tayne or heirafter sall tak or resaue in thair seruice any of the said sort of pepill, or yitt ony vther prenteis or seruand, that thai caus thame fynd sufficient souerty, nocht only for thair lawty and remaning bot alswa for thair guid behaviour in lyfe and conversatioun toward the kirk and magestrats, and to ansuer for thame quhensoeuir thai sall be fund transgressing guid ordour and brekking the acts and statutes of this burgh; with certificatioun to the saidis maisteris gif thai failyie that thai sall be haldin to ansuer thameselffis for the saidis prenteissis and seruands. And as to thame that ar or sall be banist the fredome of this burgh for thair evill deidis, it is fund necessar and be thir presents statute and ordanet that nane tak vp or resaue thame in thair seruice induring the tyme of thair banisement, or interteny or resset thame in

Seditious craftis-bilder.

Sedition craftis childer.

thair howssis be day or be nicht, vnder the payne of tynsall of thair fredome, and to be repute and haldin as gilty of thair wikket doings and vtherwayes pvnist at the will of the magestrats. And for better executioun of this present ordinance, ordanis ilk deykin of craft to serche, seik, and trye furth the jurnaymen, taskmen, and all vnfrie persouns nocht bund to ane certane maister in maner foresaid, and gif vp thair names in writt to the counsall; and siclyke that thair be depute in ilk close and vinell ane or ma sufficient persouns to inquyre, trye, and gif vp the names of the saidis rankis of persouns dwelland or resortand within the samyn, that ordour may be tayne with thame as effeiris. And this present ordinance to be publist at the merket croce of this burgh that nane pretend ignorance.

Craftis childer.

Anent the mater proponet be my lord provest to the baillies, counsall and deykins, for thair avyse quhat pvnisement sall be layet vpoun the crafts childer quha maid the laitt insurrectioun, trubill, and invasioun of Jhonn Robertsoun, baillie, in his dwellinghous, betuix ten and allevin houres at evin vpoun the first of May last bypast, and blaspheming of the ministers of Gods word within the samyn, it is thocht expedient, statute and ordanet, anent the actuall doares allanerlie and perswaderis of vtheris and devysares of the said fact, that thai be publictly banist the fredome of this burgh for euir and sufficient security fand as may be had of sic as sall cum in hands that thai sall nocht hant nor resort at ony tyme heirafter within the samyn; and anent the rest quha come to the said tumult vnavysetly, nocht knawand thairof before hand, and wes na doares thame selffis nor perswaderis of vtheris, that thai mak ane sufficient satisfactioun to the kirk, counsall, and pairty offendit, in sic maner as sall be specially inioynet to thame, according to the circumstances of tyme, place and persouns, at the discretioun of the kirk and magestrats, and to be putt vnder straitt cautioun for thair behaviour in tyme cuming; remembring alwayes that thai that had airmour vpoun thame be mair scherply handlit, bot specially gif thai drew thair swords or gaif iniurious words to my lord provest or maister James Jhonestoun, baillie, or to sic as assistet the magestrats.

5 *June* 1588.

Ordanis Edward Mawchan, thesaurer, to pay for the [*blank*] of pulder, and carrage thairof, sent and bocht to the Kings Grace be my lord provest, at his Graces desyre, to the seage of Lochmaben, the sowm of ane hunder fourtein pund fyftein schilling sex penneis, and my lord prouest to hald his Grace in remembrance to gett the sam agane to the town. Pulder to Lochmaben.

7 *June* 1588.

Vnderstanding that the transe of Bellis Wynd heid owerflowis with filth, in defalt of the tenement of land pertening to the hospitall of [*blank*], foundet be vmquhill the Bischop of Dunkell, quhilk wantes ane sufficient cobill to serue the droppis thairof, thairfore ordanis the patrone of the said hospitall and fewares of the said tenement to be charget ather to condem thair drops or ellis to mak ane sufficient cobill for the samyn betuix and Lambes nixttocum, and in the meyne tyme to hald the close clene, vnder the payne of fourty schillings to be tayne of thame for ilk drop. Bellis Wynd cobill, Bischop of Dunkell land.

11 *June* 1588.

Ordanis the pulder and bullett to be gottin furth of the castell and sent to the Kings Grace to the seage of Lochmabene to be transportet and careitt thairto vpoun the towns charges and expenssis . . . and appoyntis Robert Ker and maister James Jhonestoun to conduce the hors with expeditioun. Pulder and bullet to Lochmabene.

12 *June* 1588.

Henry Nesbet, merchant, presentet ane lettre come fra the Bischop of Glasgw, quhilk beand red thay ordanet the samyn to be presentet to the conventioun of burrowes. Lettre of Bischop of Glasgw.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid chairgeing all persouns that ar giltie of the vprore and insurrectioun maid aganis Jhonn Robertsoun, baillie, to compeir and gif in thair supplicatiouns before the kirk and counsall betuix and Fryday cum aucht dayes, that thai may tak ordour with thame for thair trespas, with certificatioun and thai failye thai sall be callet and pvnest as the actuall doares and interprysers thairof. Proclamatio, laitt insurrectioun.

28 *June* 1588.

Rex, intertenement of the Duik of Lenox twa sisteris.

Vnderstanding that it is airnistly desyret be the Kings Grace that the toun suld hald hous to the Duik of Lenox twa sisteris, laitly cum owt of France, and interteny thame vpoun the touns charges the spaice of fyftein dayes or twenty dayes, and it beand airnistly travellet with his Maiestie and with the comptroller for eschewing thairof, declaring the touns greitt burdings in his Graces effaires, and nathing can availl bot the toun is habill to incur his Graces displesure gif thai sall vtterly reiect this his requeist; for the quhilk caus, and beand ryply avyset heirwith, thay haif grantet, consentet and agreitt that, gif the said intertenement may be putt within fyve hunder merk, to grant swa mekill money thairto, and nawayes to exceid the said sowme of v^c merk; and ordanet the comptroller to be spokin to that effect.

3 *July* 1588.

Precept, x hour bell.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay to David Nicolsoun 30s. "for ringing of the greitt bell at x houris at evin . . and ordanis that the said Dauids successoures sall haif na mair in tyme cuming for the ringing of the said bell and the rest of thair seruice bot their ordinare fie."]

Duik of Lenox twa sisters.

Gevis commissioun to the dene of gild, Clement Cor and Patrik Sandelands, to speik and agrie with sic as the Kings Maiesteis comptroller appoyntes for the intertenement of the Duik of Lenox twa sisteris als guid cheip as thai may.

Visitoures of quarteris.

Followes the ordour and maner of the visitouris in ilk quarter, electet and chosin thairto, contening thair office, thair names, and bounds assignet to thame:—*First.* Thay sall trye and owersie the howshalderis and fameleis within thair bounds, thair estaitt, lyfe and conversatioun, to witt, gif thair be any fornicatouris, nicht walkeris, vagabounds, idill persouns, singill wemen that ar vnfrie haldand howsses be thame selffis, drye topsteris, vnfrie taskmen and jurnaymen of crafts that hes nocht ane maister to ansuer for thame, ony vnfrie personis vsand merchandice and trafficque or occupeand any craft or handy lawbour, and quha hes sett thair howssis to ony of thir sort of pepill contrar to the touns lawis.

Item. That thai se the nichtbouris in thair bounds be sufficiently prouydet of guid and sufficient airmour, and quha wantis the samyn that thai declair it to the baillie of the quarter, and that thai with the saidis nichtbouris be in reddynes, weill airmitt, quhen the prouest and baillies hes ado in the Kings Grace or tounis seruice. Visitoures of quarteris.

Item. That thai tak vp the names of the beggares hantand or dwelland within thair bounds, with thair estaitt, gif thai be decrepit and falyeit or gif thai be stark and haill, and the tyme thai haif bene in the toun, and gif thair names in writt to the baillie of the quarter.

Item. Quhen ony of thir visitoures passis to the saill that thai cum in to the counsall and schaw the sam that ane vther may be depute in thair place.

Followes the names of the saidis owerseares of the quarteris, with the bounds assignet to thame: [19 for the north-west, 11 for the north-east 19 for the south-east, and 25 for the south-west quarters.] Names of owerseares and thair bounds.

5 *July* 1588.

Fynds and decernis James Edmistoun, William Levingstoun, Jhonn Hepburne, hatmakers, and the remanent brether of the hatmakeris of this burgh, to haif done wrang in taking vpoun thame to associat thame selffis with the vnfrie hatmakeris of the Cannogaitt, in resaving the banket and vpsett of allegit friemen to thair crafts and dewteis of prenteissis, making of conventiouns and lawes amang thame selffis, and doing of all things pertening to ane craft quhilk hes ane deykin and seill of caus, and in speciall in taking and resaving fra William Mow, hatmaker, the sowm of sex pund for his vpsett; and thairfore decernis and ordanis thame to desist and ceis fra the lyke attemptats in tyme cuming and to pay to the guid toun the said sex pund resauet as said is. Hatmakeris.

19 *July* 1588.

At the desyr of the kin and freynds of the vmquhill Countes of Argyle, laitly deceisset within this burgh, and for the luif and favour thai buir to hir vmquhill first husband the Erle of Murray, Regent for the tyme, grantes and consentis that scho be bureit in the Hie Kirk of this burgh, in the tomb and sepulchre of hir said vmquhill husband. Countes of Argyle bureit in the kirk.

24 *July* 1588.

Contributioun for the pure.

Jhonn Arnott, provest, the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsell, for the maist pairt, beand convenit, fynds it expedient to enter to the guid and godly wark of taking ordour with sustentation of the puir of this burgh, that the idill, sturdy and landwart beggares may be haldin owt, for the mair stabill ordour to be tayne thairinto, after the commouning had with sic of the kirk and lordis of sessioun as hes travellet with thame thairinto, to begyn and tak vp the names of the nychtbouris that will contribute to the sustentatioun of the puir, quhat ilk persoun will gif thairto of his awin will, and nixt to tak vp the names of the haill puir, to the end that it may be knawin quhat will sustene thame and quhat may be cravet of the memberis of the sessioun for thair pairt of this support; and thairfore the baillies, with the persouns following adionyet to thame, to call thair nychtbouris be thair quarters in the places vnderwrittin before thame and inroll ilk manis name and sowm. . .

31 *July* 1588.

Watche in the stepill.

Inrespect of the apperand tyme of trubill, fynds it expedient that thair be sex feyet men putt in the stepill for thre or four dayes, and Alexander Broun to owersie and be with thame.

Wyllie pure.

Vnderstanding that Jhonn Wyllie, quha keipet the pure of the gaitt and had owlkly of the town ane merk, is now deceissit, ordanis Thomas Patersoun, collectour, to haif na forther allowance of the said stipend fra this day furth.

2 *August* 1588.

Yorstouns compt, Monsieur Claremont.

Gevis commissioun to the dene of gild and Jhonn Porterfeyld to vew, examyne, and consider the compt gevin in be Capitane Yorstoun of the expenssis maid be him vpoun the intertenement of Monsieur Claremont, imbassadour for the King of Navarre, at the touns command.

9 *August* 1588.

Flemyng websters.

Ordanis James Scott, collectour of the townes pittie customes at the port of Leyth, to gett coillis to layd in the schip quhilk brocht hame the

Flemyng wobsteris, walkers, weveris and litsteris, and ordour sall be tayne for rambursing to him agane of the pryce thairof. Flemyng wobsteris.

Inrespect of the constant bruitt and credibill apperance of the arryvell within this realme of the Spayngyie navie as alreddy cum within the Scots seyis, furnist with men of weir and mvnitioun, quhairby nocht onely is the estaitt of the Kingis Maiestie and of the realme bot als the trew relligioun and haill professouris thairof in greitt daynger, thairfore it is thocht expedient that bayth all the inhabitants of this burgh be in reddynes to resist and concur with the rest of the cuntrey quha sall inairme thame selffis for that purpose, and that thre hunder men of weir be rayset vpoun the townis charges for defence of the toun and resisting of the said enemy; and for this purpose ordanis the sowme of thre thowsand and fyve merk to be tayne vpoun the commoun guid to pay thair wedges, vpoun annuell, quhill at mair oportunity the sam may be relevit be ane extent; and ordanis Edward Mawchan, thesaurer, to rayse the said money quhaireuir the samyn may be had and to deburse the sam to the vse foresaid and mak compt thairof to the guid toun, and ordanis infeftment to be gevin of x of the j^c to the persouns that will avance the samyn vpoun reuersioun. Spayngyie navie [illegible] men of weir.

Ordanis the townis commissioners to desyre at the generall assembly that maister Robert Bruce may be burdenit to accept the place of ane ordinare pasture within this burgh, and to declair that the toun will nocht charge nor burdein him with forther travell in the said office bot at his awin plesure as he sall fynd himselff that he may owertak. Bruce, minister.

11 *August* 1588.

Ordanet Jhonn Jhonestoun and Edward Galbrayth, commissioners for the toun in this present generall assembly, to propone and gif in lyte to the said assembly maister James Melvile, maister Jhonn Craig, maister Patrik Galloway, ministeris, that be authority of the said assembly ane of thame may be transportet and appoyntet to be ane ordinare minister within this burgh, and gif the assembly fynds that nane of thame may be had, in that case to desyre thame to gif in lyte to the toun thre vther qualefeyet persouns that ane of thame may be electet be the toun and Ane ane minister.

Anent ane minister.

resauet in the said place, and to interpone thair authority to the transporting of ane of the said thre persouns, or ellis to name certane commissioners havand thair power to that effect that the toun be nocht disappoyntet as it hes bene sen the depairting of maister Jhonn Cowper, minister.

14 *August* 1588.

Capitanes electet to men of weir.

Makis, creats and constitutes Thomas Geddes, George Todrik and Capitane James Inglis, tailyeour, to be capitanes of the thre hundreth men to be rayset to serue the toun, with power to ilk ane of thame to rayse ane hunder of the said men and to haif ane handseyngyie and vther inferiour members of thair cumpaneis bot na lieutennentis; quhilk charge thai acceptet and gaif thair aythis to serue the toun trewly as thai sall be commandet be the prouest, baillies and counsall, and gif neid beis ordanis commissiouns to be gevin to thame in form as effeiris.

16 *August* 1588.

Lord Maxwell.

Ordanes Edward Mawchan, thesaurer, . . . to haif allowet the expenssis maid vpoun the boitt hyre and vther necessar for the baillies and nychtbouris quha past furth of Leyth to the Blaknes, be sey, transporting the Lord Maxwell, at the King Graces command, [£26, 17s.]

11 *September* 1588.

Burrowes, admirall.

Fynds it maist expedient that my lord prouest, with the baillies and certane of thair number, pas to the Kings Grace and assist and concur with the commissioners of the burrowes on the coist syde of Fyfe to compleyne vpoun my lord admirall for arreisting of thair schips and nocht suffering thame to pas to thair vayage without his licence, and clamand greitt and new exactiouns vpoun thame.

King of Navarris imbassadour.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay to Captain William Yorstoun £106, 3s. 4d. "for the intertenement of Monsieur Claremont, imbassadour to the King of Navare, in his lugeing, at the townis command," on 23d, 24th, 25th, and 26th July; also to pay to Allane Makcalaw "for ane quart of quhyte wyne and ane vther of claret and ane quart of sweitt wyne furnist to the banket at the said imbassadouris depairting, the sowm of fyftie twa schillings; and to pay for the drogs and sweitt meitt thairto the sowm of aucht pund four schillings."]

13 *September* 1588.

Ordanet proclamatioun to be maid dischargeing any breid to be baikin within this burgh heirafter after the fassioun and maner of the Dysart breid, inrespect of the abuses and fraud committet thairinto, bayth in sufficiencie and weght, vnder the payne of confiscatioun thairof and paying ane vnlaw of fyve pund. Proclamatio, Dysart breid.

20 *September* 1588.

Electet and nominatt George Rodger, in place of vmquhill Jhonn Wyllie, to hald the pure of the gaitt, and ordanet thair collectouris to ansuer him of sielyk dewty for the samyn as the said vmquhill Jhonn had of before. Rodger, pure of the gaitt.

25 *September* 1588.

Forswamekill as capitane Thomas Geddes, being in the townis seruice, wes laitly persewet of his lyfe be [*blank*] Stewart and certane seruands of my lord of Murray, and ane of the said capitanes sudderts slayne in that caus, thairfor the said provest, baillies, counsall, and deykins, all in ane voce, fynds the said quarrell to concerne the haill toun mair nor the said capitane, and thairfore be thir presents taks his protectioun and mantenance vpoun thame, declarand and promittand to assist, fortefie, menteyne, and defend him in the samyn to the vttermost, and persew the slawchter of the said sowldiour. Capitane Geddes, Stewart.

Forswamekill as this toun is replenist with ane multitude of vnfrie persouns and puir and nedy, cum fra landwart, quha hes nocht to sustene thameselffis, quhill cumis be occasioun of the possessouris of lands for gredynes setting the sam to all sorts of persouns, contrair the acts and ordinance maid thairvpoun of before, thairfore statutes and ordanis that all that hes sett thair howssis to sic sort of persouns sall be burdenit with thair sustentatioun in tyme of neid, distres, and pestilence quhair thai haif nocht of thair awin; and ordanis this act to be insert amangs the towns statutes to be proclamet at the merket croce. Statute, setting howssis, persouns.

27 *September* 1588.

Admirall, schips at Leyth.

Directis Michael Gilbert, baillie, [and three others,] to pas with my lord provest to the Erle Bothuell, admyrall, and compleyne vpoun the exactiouns tayne vpoun schips at Leyth and to seik redres thairof.

Flemyng wobsters.

Ordanis Edward Mawchan, thesaurer, to pay to the Flemyng wobsters, walkers and litsters, laitly brocht hame furth of Flanders, the sowm of threscoir aucht pund sex schillings aucht penneis for thair charges and expenssis in transporting thame, thair wyffes, childerein and famely, to this burgh, for exerceing thair said craft thairinto, according to the particulare compt gevin in thairvpoun, sene and considerit be sic as wes depute thairto be the counsall of before.

2 *October* 1588.

Minister electing.

Fynds it expedient that the mater be walknet and ane minister to be chosin in place of maister Jhonn Cowper, and appoynts Thomas Fischear [and three others] to confer with the ministers thairvpoun and propone the sam to the sessioun of the kirk.

Lord Bothuell.

The sam day, afternone, the prouest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsall, deykins of crafts, and certane nychtbouris of the toun beand convenet anent the mater proponet to thame of before concerning my Lord Bothuell, quha desyret to borrow sum money of the toun, considering the greitt burdings lying vpoun the town and thair commoun guid alreddy, and for vther wechty ressouns moving thame, thay fand it nocht expedient to len or grant to his lordschip ony money, and appoyntet George Carkettill, Thomas Fischear, maister James Jhonestoun, and sic as past before to his lordschip, to declair thair ansuer in maist gud and plesant termes.

4 *October* 1588.

Erle Bothuell, watche.

John Arnot, provest, the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, and haill counsall beying convenit, fynds it expedient that certane be direct to pas to the Kings Grace and schaw the procedings of the Erle Bothuell aganis the toun, nocht onely in chairgeing thame with money to him quhair thai aw him nane, bot als in minassing, and yisterday in taking

James Nicoll, merchant, captiue betuix Leyth and Edinburgh, and thairfore to desyre his Grace to put remedy to sic inormiteis, and to compleyne vpoun the arreisting and hindering of thair schips frome thair vayages, and thairfore to impetrat lettres dischargeing him of the premissis and vther sufficient warrandis for the toun in this behalf; and for this effect thai nominat and appoyntet William Fairly, baillie, [and six others] to pas ower the water to his Maiestie. And that the toun incur na daynger in the meyne tyme fynds expedient that ane quarter of the toun watche thair nycht about for ane certane space, and certane to be putt to keip the stepill be day, and proclamatioun to be maid that all be in reddynes in thair airmour at the nixt straik of the swesche or ringing of the commoun bell.

Erle Bothwell, watche.

11 *October* 1588.

Forswamckill as thair is cum to this burgh to the number of threttie nyne Spayngyerts of the Spayngye navie and ma to follow, quha hes maid schip wrak in Ireland, and is cum in at the west verray naiket, pure and desolatt, fynds it expedient that the bowellis of mercie, compassioun, and christiane cherity be schawin vpoun thame, and thairfore that ane collectioun to be maid throw the haill toun and imployet in clething to thame, and the superplus to be gevin thame in money that thai may be depeschet away; and appoyntis euery baillie in his quarter, takand the persouns following with him, to craif the sam . . . and quhill thair claythes be gottin that thai be sustenit vpoun the said contributioun.

Contributioun Spayngyearts.

["Acts and statutes of the burgh of Edinburgh maid and sett furth be the prouest, baillies and counsall of the samyn, for the commoun weill thairof and all our Souerane Lords lieges resortand thairto," in terms similar to acts passed in October in previous years.]

Acts and statutes.

23 *October* 1588.

Appoynts and ordanis Alexander Hunter and William Rig to pas to the Kings Grace ower the water and obtene lettres aganis the schips of the coist syde for transporting ane pairt of the puir schipbrokkin Spayngyerts and propelling thame thairto, and ordanes ane lettre to be writtin to his Maiestie to that effect.

Quartering Spayngyerts.

30 *October* 1588.

Spayngyerts.

Ordanis Thomas Bell, collectour, to gif the sowme of ten merk of James Hagy fleschouris blwid vnlaw to the support of the fourteyne new cum Spayngyerts with the twa that remanet of the rest behind.

1 *November* 1588.

New collectioun for the Spayngyerts.

Fynding that thair is new cum to this burgh ane greitt number of schipbrokkin Spayngyerts in maist meserabill estaitt, bayth naiket and famishet, thinks expedient that ane new collectioun be maid for thair support throw the haill toun.

Hill, playfeld.

Jhonn Hill, tennent of the lands of the rwid of the Grenesyde, being callit in, wes discharget of ony teilling and ryving of ony pairt of the playfeyld.

6 *November* 1588.

Thesaurer, sessioun tolbuith.

At the desyre of the lords of sessioun, thai agreit and consentet the durris and barressis of the Over Tolbuith be alterit and reparet in the forme and maner set doun and devyset be the said lords.

Statute, burgessis airmour.

Finds expedient, statuts and ordanis that na burgessis be resauet nor admittet in tyme cuming bot sic as sall compeir the tyme of thair admissioun before the counsall with sufficient airmour, sic as thai will tak thame to for serving of the Kings Grace and the toun, to witt, other with hakbut and furnessing belanging thairto, sic as flaske, pulder and bullet and ane murrioun, or ellis with jak, knapskall, speir or pik, and mak fayth that the said airmour is thair awin proper geir, and this by and attoure thair sworde; and quhen euir thai sall want the said airmour in tyme convenient to be poyndet or wardet for ane vnlaw of fyve pund.

22 *November* 1588.

Proclamatio, Flemyngs, wobsteris.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that becaus it is fund expedient to put the strayngeris Flemyngs to wark, that thai may be helpit in thair present necessitie, that certane nychtbouris be appoyntet to be pertineris of thair wark and lawbouris and to mak thame avancement, thairfore wairning all persouns that will be pertiners and avance the said

strayngeris to compeir the morne in the counsalhous betuix twa and thre afternone before the prouest and baillies and gif vp thair names, with certificatioun gif thai failyie thai sall nocht be hard heirafter. Proclamatio, Flemyngis, wobsteris.

4 *December* 1588.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that forswamekill as the multitud of the beggares within this burgh ar verray trubilsum to the nychtbouris of this burgh and strayngers resortand thairto, thairfore that nane of the saidis beggares be fund beggand throw the streitts and Hiegaitt vpoun the Sondayes, vnder the payne of imprysonment in the thevis hoill xlviij houris without meitt and drink. Proclamatio, beggares.

Gevis commissioun to my lord prouest [and six vthers] to convene after the prayers at evin and consult and ressoun vpoun the mater proponit concerning the alteratioun of the ministers stipends and report the sam to the counsall. Ministeris stipends.

6 *December* 1588.

In consideratioun of the greitt incres of the derth of all kynd of viuers, quhairby the ministers of this burgh is nocht habill to susteyne thame selffis and thair fameleis vpoun thair ordiner stipends, havand na vther industrie nor casualtie to leve be, thairfore the said provest, baillies, and counsall and . . . deykins of crafts hes thocht expedient to augment and rayse the said ministers stipends in maner following, that is to say, maister Walter Balcanquell to be augmentit [100 merks yearly, making his whole stipend 500 merks; Jhonn Cairnis, 50 merks, making in all 300 merks; Thomas Watsoun, 20 merks, making in all £40 yearly. Grantes also to Maister Robert Bruce, minister, 600 merks of yearly stepend.] Augmentatioun of the ministers stipends.

11 *December* 1588.

Grantis, gevis and disponis to Jhonn and Cristiane Symsouns, lawfull bairnis to vmquhill Thomas Symsoun, burges of this burgh, quha vpoun the [*blank*] day of December instant pat doun himselff in his awin howse besyde the Mvse Well, the gift and escheitt of all his movebill guids and dets pertening to him and now pertening to the guid toun and at thair dispositioun as thair escheitt. Gift of escheitt.

27 *December* 1588.

Taks of the Newheavin.

Thinkis expedient, agreis and condescendis to sett to Ewstachius Roch, Flemyng, sicyk taks of the lands and howssis and rowmes at the Newheavin as wes sett to the Inglismen of before, of the lyke yeiris and dewteis, payand to the guid toun in name of entres the sowme of twenty foure pund.

3 *January* 1588-9.

Statute, prenteissis bwiking.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] vnderstanding that there is dyuers persouns, maisteris of thair crafts and vther friemen of this burgh, quha hes resauet prenteissis vnto thame, quhome thai haif nocht cawset to be bwiket and insert in the townis prenteis buik, in manefest defrawde of the townis dewtie, and to the hurt and preiudice of thair prenteissis toward thair burgesschip and fredome of thair crafts, and expres contrair the decreitt arbitrall gevin betuix the merchants and craftismen and acts and statuts followand thairvpoun; thairfore thai haif thocht expedient, statute and ordanet that all sic persouns as hes resauet ony prenteissis before the daitt heirof, and as yitt hes nocht cawset thame to be bwket in the said prenteis buik, to compeir befor the counsall betuix this and the first day of Februar nixttocum and caus thame be insert and bwiket and pay the dewteis thairof and thai sall be resauet; quhilk day being bypast, gif thai failyie to do the sam, or yitt gif ony heirafter sall resave ony prenteis and neglect thair buiking as said is within ane moneth after the daitt of the indentouris, that thai sall be astrictet and haldin be thame selffis, thair airis or executouris, to mak the prenteis frie with the toun and with the craft vpoun thair awin expenssis, without ony dewtie to be payet be the prenteis or prenteissis thairfore quha hes servet and fulfillet thair indentoures in all poynts. And ordanet ilk deykin to mak intimatioun heirof to his brether that thai pretend na ignorance of the samyn.

15 *January* 1588-9.

Compromitt my lord Hammiltoun.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts,] for dyuers caussis and consideratiouns moving thame, fynds it maist expedient to

compromitt the mater debaittabill betuix the guid toun and the Lord Hammiltoun anent the hous of the townis College, and electis my lord provest and Jhonn Jhonestoun for the town, and ordanis the commoun clerk in thair names to subscryve ane blank thairypoun. Compromitt my lord Hammiltoun.

17 *January* 1588-9.

Comperit maister Jhonn Coluile and producet ane lettre of the Kings Maiestie commanding the town to taxt the burrowes for thair pairt of the taxatioun grantet be the estaits to his Graces mariage, and producet the act of secreitt counsall of the said extent, daitet 4 Aprilis 1588, quhilk wes resauet be my lord provest, quhome thai desyret to sett the said extent, deduceand the sowmes awand be his Maiestie to the guid toun. Burrowes extent for the Kingis Graces mariage.

Inrespect of the prwif quhilk thai haif had at mony tymes of the leirning and qualeficatioun of maister Chairlis Fayrum, suntym ane of the students of the townis college, and that thair is sindry occasiouns offerit him to pas to vther places, quhairby thai may be disappoyntet of sic ane persoun of quhome thai haif had experience, and beand ane bairne of the town and brocht up thairinto all his dayis, thairfor thai fynd it expedient that he sall remayne and nocht depairt to ony vther functioun, and be thir presents promitts to avance him to the place of ane regent in the said college to the clas quhilk is to begyn at Michaelmes nixttocum swa that he sall nocht be disappoyntet be thair occasioun. Fayrum, regent in the college.

Gevis commissioun to my lord provest, Jhonn Jhonestoun, Jhonn Watt, Patrik Sandelands, to intreatt and confer with the lordis of the sessioun toward the mater proponet be the saidis lordis, be ane copy of ane of thair acts, for the fundatioun to be maid of ane teacher of the lawes in the townis College, and contributioun to be maid be thame to his intertenement. Lords of sessioun, teacher of lawes in the College.

Ordanis Thomas Patersoun, collectour, to pay to James Henrysoun, chirurgeane, the sowm of nyne pund fourty penneis, in compleitt payment of all drogs, implasteris, and mendicaments furnist be him in curing of the pure in tymes past, at the townis command, conform to the particulare compt thairof presently schawin. Henrysoun, chirurgiane.

22 *January* 1588-9.

Extent of vm li.

[Ordained that a general taxation be levied from the merchants and inhabitants of the burgh for payment of "expenssis of the thre hunder men of weir laitly tayne vp in August last and vther effaires of the town," 3500 merks; "for the raid of Dumfries," £320; "and for pulder and bullet sent to the said raid," £215; "for the chairges of the Dwik of Lennox twa sisters," £333, 6s. 8d.; and "the townis pairt of the burrowes extent for the Kings Graces wynes and customes," £1906, 13s. 4d.; extending in all to £5008, 6s. 8d.]

5 *February* 1588-9.

Flemying wobsteris.

Fynds it expedient to resaue the laird of Dairsie and maister Archibald Wilkyne oblist coniunctlie and seuerallie for the Flemyng wobsteris to pay to the guid toun the foure hunder merk advancet to thame.

Hislop, regent.

Vnderstanding that maister Phillop Hislop, ane of the regents in the townis College, is presently visite with ane mellady in his ane eye, to the apperant lose thairof, and is in howpe to be curet thairof in Londoun, thairfore thai be thir presents grantes him licence to pas thair to that effect inrespect he hes fund maister Chairlis Fingrum to instruct his class quhill he returne, and to supplie his rowm; and ordanis Jhonn Jhonestoun, collectour, to advance him his Beltane terme in hand for help of his chairges.

14 *February* 1588-9.

Littilljhone in culpa.

Decernis George Litiljhonn, writter, for strikking of James Bartane, merchant, on the haffet, and iniuring and sclandering him and his wyfe, to ask thame forgifnes in the place quhair the falt wes maid, and to remane in wairde quhill he fynd souerty for doing thairof, and nocht to do the lyk heirafter vnder dyuers paynes.

21 *February* 1588-9.

Flemyng wobsters money, Trinitie College kirk.

Gevis and disponis to the reparatioun of the kirk in the Trinity College the sowm of foure hunder merk awand to the toun be the Flemyng wobsters quha ar past to Sanctandrois, and be thair souerteis, to be imployet at the sicht and discretioun of the ministers, eldares, and deaconis of the kirk of this burgh.

26 *February* 1588-9.

Decernis and ordanis maister George Haisty to desist and ceise fra all teacheing of ony grammer within the liberty and fredome of this burgh in tyme cuming, inrespect of the privelege grantet to maister Hercules Rollok, principall maister of the Grammer Schole of this burgh, be appoyntment betuix him and the guid toun, and becaus the said maister George comperand this day culd schaw na resonabill caus in the contrar, and the said maister Hercules of his awin benevolence consentet to superseid the executioun of this decreitt quhill Witsounday nixt, provyding the said maister George resave na ma scholers of grammer in the meyne tyme nor he hes alreddy. Rollok, Haisty.

28 *February* 1588-9.

Vnderstanding of sum attemptats of insurrectioun within the realme for the alteratioun of the present estaitt, ordanis proclamatioun to be maid chargeing all persouns to be in redynes in thair best airmour to attend vpoun the provest and baillies as thai sall be wayrnet be the bell or swesche, and that all haif wawpouns in thair buith and beir and weir thair swerdis, vnder the payne of v li.; and that ane quarter of the town watche ilk nycht quhill forther [ordour,] and euery ane to convene to thair watche at viij houris at evin and remayne thairat quhill the morn, vnder the payne of xl s. Proclamatio, airmour, watche.

7 *March* 1588-9.

For better avancement of the wark to be begun be the sessioun of the kirk in repayring of the kirk of the Trinity College, and that the vyce of fornicatioun may be supprest and the vnlaws thairof mair exactly vpliftet nor thai haif bene heirtofore, and for dyuers vther guid caussis and consideratiouns moving thame, gevis and disponis to the said wark all the vnlawes and penalteis of sic as transgressis the townis acts and ordinances maid aganis the fornicatouris and sic as huirds, conceillis, and ressaitts thame in thair howssis; and makis and constituts Alexander Speir, writter, collectour, vplifter and persewar of the samyn, vpoun compt and rekning Trinitie College, vnlawes of fornicatours.

Trinitie College, vnlawes of fornicatouris.

to be maid be him to the sessioun of the kirk of the samyn, and this present act to stand induring the townis will allanerly.

West Lynks of Leyth.

[The provost, bailles and council set to George Smyth, tailor and burges of Edinburgh, "the pasturage of thair Wester Lynks of Leyth betuix Weirdy Brow and St. Nicolas Chaipell, exceptand the howssis and bownds sett in tak of before to Ewstache Rowgh, Flemyng, and reservand sic pairts of the samyn lynks as sall be appoyntet be this burgh for the north syde of the brig of Leyth in tyme of pestilence with all vther necessar vses thairof," for seven years, for payment of six merks yearly.]

12 *March* 1588-9.

Provost, Huchesoun.

[The bailies council, and deacons of crafts] being convenit, and the tikket vnderwrittin beand sent in to thame be my lord provest, quhairof the tenour followis: It will pleis your wisdomes to appardone me that I remayne absent fra the counsall this day. The caus of my remayning is vpoun this ressoun. Being before his Maiestie and lords of secreitt counsall, vpoun Fryday last wes, William Huchesoun, cordiner, brust out with thir wordis following to his Maiestie: Sir, I man speik this to the provest, that we haif oft and dyuers tymes complenit to him vpoun wrangs done to ws and yitt culd neuir gett justice at his hands. It wes inquyret be me of him quhairin I had refuset him or ony vther justice. His ansuer wes: Nocht onely in ane, twa, or thre things, bot in ane hunder; with sindry vther sclanderous words, quhilk I lyke nocht to repeitt, movand his Maiestie and his counsall thairby, at the leist doand the thing that lay in him to mak thame beleve that I was not of guid mynd and will to minister justice in my office, quhilk wes greitly to my reproche gif swa had bene, and thairfore I haif cravet his Maiesteis favour that I may be put to ane tryell heiranent; swa it will pleis yow in the meyne tyme to appardone me of my absence. With the quhilk thai being avyset, in ane voice, fynds that the said William in swa doing hes spokin maist falsly and iniustly of his lordschip and hes done manifest wrang thairinto, bayth to him and to the town, and merits to be pvnist for the samyn, declayring that thai will assys and concur with his lordship in complening afore the secreitt cousall thairvpoun and do that in thame lyes to se the samyn redrest.

14 *March* 1588-9.

Ordanis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to pay to George Jhonestoun, walxmaker, the sowm of fyftie schillings for ten torches furnist in the townis seruice that nycht my Lord Huntly wes wairdet in the castell. Precept, torches.

21 *March* 1588-9.

Vnderstanding that dyuers contentious and wikket pepill hes in tymes past maid thair trublances within the Hie Kirk of this burgh, be iniureing thair nichtbouris, drawing of swords and schoting of pistolets, and thairby abvsing that place appoyntet cheiflie for Gods seruice. For remeid thairof, ordanis proclamatioun to be maid, commanding that na maner of personis tak vpoun hand to mak ony sort of trublance be word or deid, bragging or provocatioun, within the said kirk, or yitt abuse that place as it hes bene heirbefore; with certificatioun to thame gif thai do the samyn that thai sall vnderly the dowbill paynes and pvnisements contenit in the townis statuts maid anent the trublances done in the hie streitts, and forther sall be wairdet for xv dayes gif thai draw ony blwid, and for all vther trublances for the spaice of aucht dayes swa oft as thai failyey. Proclamatio, trublance in the kirk.

26 *March* 1589.

Gevis and grantis to the help of the reparatioun of the kirk of the Trinity College ane competent number of the reddiest and lowsest staynis of the hospitall of St. Pawles Wark, and consentis to the doun-taking thairof to be applyet to the said wark. Trinity College. Savnt Pawles wark.

Siclyk, ordanis the said thesaurer to caus big vp with stayne and lyme the yett in the town wall at Halkerstouns Wynd fute, and to rayse ane wall at the Lochend, and als to repair the town wall at all vther pairts necessar. Town walls.

28 *March* 1589.

Ordanit Jhonn Jhonestoun, Alexander Hunter, Jhonn Harlaw and Patrik Sandelands to accompany maister Robert Bruce, thair minister, Bruce, synodall assembly.

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to the synodall assembly to be haldin at Lythqw, and thair thai to propone the townis desyre for ane minister in the place vacand.

2 *April* 1589.

Apprysing of vmquhill James Reids guids.

[Certain goods in the house of vmquhile James Reid were appraised and sold by roup as follows:—nyne cuscheonis, £3, 13s. 4d.; ane lang bwird, £18; ane roundell, 45s.; twa chandleris, 30s.; ane bakket chandler, 14s.; thre wand gairdins, 4s.; ane glas almery, 32s.; ane meitt almery, £20, 6s. 8d.; ane dressour almery, £6; thre littill bakkit stwillis, 30s.; twa Flanderis chyres, £5, 3s.; ane Flanderis quart, 34s.; ane rosting irne, 11s. 8d.; ane bwffel stwill, 4s. 8d.; vther twa bwffell stwill, 14s. 6d.; ane aykin lang saidill, £3, 15s.; thrie creillis and ane fysche nett, 15s. 4d.; ane towall pin, 12s. 6d.; ane gwis pan, 7s. 6d.; ane spownge, 3s.; ane schone horne, 30d.; certane pewder, viz., twa pynts, thre choppeynis, weyand nyntein pund, twa vnce les, at 44d. the pund, £3, 9s. 8d.; ane byrse spvnge, 3s.; ane moyer, 30d.; ane candill bwist, 5s.; ane payntet brod, 12 merk; twa skwmmeris, 5s. 4d.; ane watter fatt, 12s.; ane chawser, 10s. 6d.; ane wand creill, 15s.; ane lyttill irne pott, 10s.; ane awld pan, 6s.; ane irne pott, 16s.; ane greyne covering, 50s.; ane pair of awld greyne cowrteynis of sey, 45s.; ane greyne covering, 42s.; ane greyne covering, 38s.; ane greyne covering, 32s.; twa pair of blankets, 35s. 6d.; ane pair of hardin scheitts, 18s.; twa towallis, 8s.; ane fedder bed and ane bowster, £5, 3s. 4d.; ane vther fedder bed, £4; ane vther awld fedder bed, 4 merk; ane vther fedder bed, £6; ane irne chymnay with raks, speitt, cruik, and ane pair of awld brokkin tayngs weyand 14 stone at 24s., £16, 9s. 1d.; ane stand bed, 10 merks; ane skailyie stayne, 14d.; ane cavie for twa fowlis, 6s. 8d.; ane creill, 4s. 6d.; ane pair of awld greyne courtenis, 44s.; thre pair of awld bwits, 34s.; ane pair of blankets, 28s.; certayne awld lynning claythis, viz., ane awld revin sark, ane syngill scheitt, twa dornik buird clayth, ane littill hardin towall and thre awld sermots, £3, 1s; ane littill cod and ane bowster, 4s.; ane laidill and ane eill crwik, 12d.; twa lastes, 12d.; ane awld buik, 12d.; ane awld buffill stwill, 3s. 2d.; ane laydill, 8d.; ane awld furret goun with ane pair of breiks cuttit owt vpoun blew taffity, twenty-twa, and ane littill aykin kist, 15s.; ane lang saydill of fir, 20s.; ane pair of irne chaines, 10s.; ane little awld candill kist, 5s.; thre awld barrellis, 8s.; ane bose for wyne, 6s. 8d.; ane stand bed with the drawer, 6 merk; ane kist, 24s.; ane irne chymnay at 19s. 4d. the stayne, £9, 13s. 4d.; twa irne standerts weyand thre stayne ane pund wecht at 12s. the stayne, 36s. 8d.; ane coffer, 30s.; sex awld payntet clayth, 8s.; twa awld jaks, 30s.; ane corslet with the heid peice, at £3, 10s.;

ane payntet clayth, 10s.; ane knok, £5. 'Summa of the haill in money is twa hunder thre scoir fourtein merks, sex penneis les.'] Apprysing of vmquhill James Reids guids.

7 *April* 1589.

Jhonn Arnott, provest, the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counsall, and deykins of crafts, for the maist pairt, with ane certane of the nichtbouris of this burgh, being convenit, and vnderstanding of ane brwitt of convocatiouns to be maid in the north be the Erle of Huntly and his complices, and be the Lord Bothuell in the sowth, quhairof hes followet the Kings Maiesteis suddane repayring within this burgh this nicht, thairfore fynds it expedient that the stepill and kirk be sufficiently gairdit and sex sufficient persouns to be feyet for the keping of the said stepill, and the wallis to be repairet with diligence, as alswa that ane quarter of the toun watche nychtly for ane certane spaice, to begyn and enter at aucht houris at evin and continew quhill sex in the morning, and that euery ane in thair awin persoun, vnder the payne of fyve pund, and to convene in the kirk, and the durris to be close all the day except in tyme of preicheing and prayeris, and the thesaurer to mak the expenssis neidfull on the wallis and steipill. Stepill, wallis, watche.

12 *April* 1589.

Jhonn Arnott, provest, with the baillies, counsall, and deykins of crafts, for the maist pairt, beand convenit, for serving of the Kings Maiesty on the town in this present raid interprysett be his Maiestie towart the northland, ordanis twa hunder men of weir to be rayset and sent with all expeditioun to his Maiesty, and appoyntis Capitane George Todrik and Capitane James Inglis to be capitanes and commanders ower thame; and ordanes the thesaurer to obtene and get quhair he conveniently may, vpoun annuell, the sowm of twenty fyve hunder merks for making of thair chairges and for vther turnes, sic as the town sall haif ado, quhill the sam may be conveniently repayet be ane extent quhilk thai grant to be sett and rayset with all possibill diligence. Men of weir to the north raid.

16 *April* 1589.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay to the four "officers quha past to Lythqw with Officeris, raid, cheyngyeis, Seynis.

Officeris, raid, cheyngyeis, Seynis.

my lord provest and the nichtbouris in the Kings Maiesties company and hoist of this present raid" 10s. each; also £5, 8s. "for sex cheyngyeis maid for cheyngyeing of the vagabunds that sall be apprehendet, to be putt in the commoun warkis of the town; item to caus big vp the slops of the dykes of the Seynis yairds."]

18 *April* 1589.

Precept, thesaurer, Spaynyerts.

Vnderstanding that Thomas Fyschear, baillie, hes deburset the sowm of foure scoir fyftein punds aucht schilling sex penneis vpoun the sustentatioun, clething, and depesching furth of the cuntrey of the pure Spayngyarts quha arryvet amangs the first within this burgh and wer supportet vpoun the townes charges, and this by and attoure the sowmes collectet be contributioun of the nychtbouris, thairfore ordanis Jhonn Moresown thesaurer to pay the said sowm to the said baillie.

Sonday, 20 *April* 1589.

Gairding of the toun.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and deykins of crafts, for the maist pairt, being occasionat to convene this day afternone throw the convocatiouns maid be the Lord Bothuell at Dalkeyth in airmes, the Kings Maiesty being absent at this present raid in the north, quhilk movis thame to suspect sum interpryses aganis this burgh, thairfore fynds it expedient that the toun be gairdet, strenthet and keipet in maner following, to witt, that ane [*blank*] of the town watche nichtly for ane certane spaice, and appoyntis in euery quarter the persouns following to be quarter maisters vnder the baillies, that is to say, [four persons for each of the south-west, south-east, north-east, and north-west quarters.] And incais of sudden effrayes the pepill to convene betuix the awld tolbuith and the castell, vpoun the streitt; and that gaird howssis and centinellis be kepit as followes: ane gairdhous to be in Bassendens croce hous at the Nether Bow, centinells to be placet at the Kowgaitt port, ane crocegaird to be on the toun wall at the Hie Schole, ane crocegaird at the Kirk of Feyld in Walkers hous, ane crocegaird at the Gray Freir port, and at the West port centinellis. And ordanis the thesaurer as of before to repair the necessar pairts of the wallis. And quhair it sall be fund [necessar] that gard howssis of daillis be placet that the said thesaurer caus big the sam at the appoyntment of the magistrats.

2 *May* 1589.

In presens of the baillies and ane pairt of the counsall, comperit Alexander Mar and Andrew Cudbert and become souerteis, coniunctly and seuerally, for Jhonn Knox, James Hunter, James M'Myllane, Patrik Carwod, Patrik Gileryst and Matho Myre, poles cramers passand to Queynisbrig in ane schip of Dysart, that thai sall transport na writtings furth of the realme nor contravene in payment of the Kings Maiesteis proclamatiouns maid anent schips passand furth of the realme and persouns passand thairinto, vnder the payne of v^c^ merk, togidder with the paynes contenit in the saidis proclamatiouns. Pole cramers, souerteis.

9 *May* 1589.

Settis to James Scott in Leyth the townis dewtyes of the impositioun at the port of Leyth for reparatioun of the schore thairof, conform to the Kings Maiesteis gift of the samyn, fra the xxviij of Aprile last to the xxviij of Aprile nixttocum, in anno 1590, for the sowme of twenty ane hunder merkis, to be payet quarterly to the guid toun, thair thesaureris, or sic as thai sall appoynt to resave the sam. Scott, impositioun of Leyth.

14 *May* 1589.

Dischairges James Henrysoun, collectour to the beidmen of the hospitall of the Trinity College, to pay to James Staynes, ane of the beidmen of the said hospitall, his dewteis of the said beidmanschip in tyme cuming, inrespect of his manyfawld misbehaveouris and namely toward his wife. Staynes, beidman.

28 *May* 1589.

Ordanis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to pay to the foure feyet watchemen that kepit the Erle of Huntly fra the fourt of May to this present thre schillings nychtlie ilk persoun. Watchemen, Erle Huntly.

29 *May* 1589.

[The provost, bailies, counsel and deacons of crafts,] beand convenit, vnderstanding that my lord merchell is to pas to Denmark as imbassadour for the Kings Maiestie anent his Graces marriage, and that his Grace hes airnistly desyret the guid toun to deburs the sown of twa thowsand Skene and Fowler direct to Denmark.

Skene and Fowler direct to Denmark.

merks to be gevin to maister Jhonn Skeyne, aduocatt, to pas with the imbassadour for support of his chairges, quha may be stedabill to the burrowis towart thair customes and vther effairis in thais pairts; thairfore thai, at his Graces desyre, hes willinglie agreitt to avance and deburse the said sowm to the said maister Jhonn; and attour, fynds it expedient that maister William Fowler, persoun of Hawik, be direct to pas to Denmark with the said imbassadour and maister Jhonn Skeyne to attend vpoun sic things as may occur concerning the burrowes, and to hald thame in remembrance thairof and mak aduertisement of the samyn as neid sall requyre, and grantes vnto him the sowm of fyve hunder merk for making of his chairges and expenssis in honest clething and vtherwayes. For raysing and getting of the quhilk sowmes thay inrollit the persouns vnderwrittin nichtbouris of this burgh, quhome thai vnderstand maist affectionatt to thatt honorabill caus of his Graces allyance in that realme, and ordanet the samyn to be borrowet at thame; and for payment thairof ordanis the sam to be eiket to the first extent that sall be sett and rayset vpoun this burgh.

Holland imbassadouris, bankett.

At requeist of the Kings Maiestie, agreit and condiscendit to mak ane honest moderatt bankett to the imbassadouris come from certane townis in Holand, in Nicoll Vdderts new howse, on Sonday at evin nixttocum, or soner gif the caus requyre, and appoynts sex merchants and sex craftismen to accumpany thame, viz., . . . and that William Fairlie, Thomas Fischear or George Carkettill be with thame and caus the saidis persouns convene.

10 *June* 1589.

Inglis schips, bankett.

At the airnist desyre of the Kings Maiestie, agreitt and condiscendet to mak ane honest bankett to the Inglis imbassadouris, the principalles of thre of the Inglis schips lyand in the raid, with sic courteouris as vses to accompany thame, in Nicoll Vdderts new house, at denner tyme, and William Fairly, baillie, the dene of gild and thesaurer to tak the cuir thairof.

20 *June* 1589.

Townis College, abbacie of Haddingtown.

Vnderstanding that the maister of Lyndsay, takkisman of the abbacy of Hadingtoun, with consent of the pryores thairof, is movet of zeal and

conscience to appropriat the leving of the samyn to the godlie vses of the ministry and scholes, and amangs the rest to dedicatt ane pairt to the College of this burgh, quhais guid intention is nocht to be neglectet, thairfore appoynts William Smaill, baillie, the dene of gild, Jhonn Jhonestoun and Jhonn Harlaw to tak the cuir of the said mater swa far as concernis the toun and to se the securiteis for the touns college formet, devyset, and perfytet.

Townis College, abbacie of Haddingtown.

Archibald Jhonestoun, merchant, producet ane commissioun with certane articles direct frome the admirall of Ingland for taking the aythis of certayne nychtbouris and merchants quha wes schipbrokin in Januar last in Norphok and had thair guidis spuilyeit fra thame be the contrey men, and thairfore fynds it expedient for ministratioun of justice that the baillies accept the said commissioun and do thair offices according to the tenour of the said commissioun.

Baillies, nychtbouris, schipbrokin in Ingland.

21 *June* 1589.

Jhonn Arnott, provest, the baillies, dene of gild and counsall, for the maist pairt, togidder with certane of the ministers, eldares, and deaconis of this burgh, being convenit, and vnderstanding be thair commissioners in the present generall assembly that after lang resoning had in the said assembly, vpoun the desyre of the said commissioners in name of the toun that maister Robert Bruce, minister, micht, be authority of the said assembly, be movet to accept the charge of ane ordinare pastor within the said burgh, he wes content thairwith quhill the nixt generall assembly, the said provest, baillies and counsall, with the said ministers, eldares, and deaconis wes content, and acceptet the samyn for the present, reposing thame selffis vpoun the said maistir Robertis guid will toward thame, requyring maist humbly the said assembly to be intercessouris for thame at his hand that thai mycht be vnitet togidder as the pastor and the flok according to the desyre of thair supplicatioun.

Assembly, Bruce, minister.

25 *June* 1589.

Gevis power and commissioun to Thomas Fischear, baillie, [and four others,] to intreatt, confer and travell with maister James Balfour, minister, to accept the burding of ane ordinare pasture in this burgh,

Commissio, Balfour, minister.

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vpoun the resonabill conditiouns presently schawin and proponit, and to report to the counsall thair procedings.

Bonetmakeris.

Vnderstanding that the crafts childer and prenteissis of the bonetmaker craft convenis and works thair occupatioun daylie furth of thair maisters howssis, vnder Craigingatt and in the hie streitts, and vnder pretense of that libertie casts staynes and brekis the glas wyndois in the Kirk of the Trinitie College, thairfore ordanis thame and thair maisters to be admonist heirof and charget to contene thame selffis in thair buithis and warkhowssis, and nocht to be fund workand or at the said craig or in the streitts, and that the deykin of the craft cawse the sam be done, and the officeris to concur and assist him in pvnessing the transgressouris.

27 *June* 1589.

Precept, bankets.

[Ordained the treasurer to refund the dean of guild £415, 6s. 4d. for "the expenssis of the twa bankets, the ane maid to the Holand imbassadouris and the vther to the Inglismen conform to the acts maid thairvpoun."]

Spaynyert.

[Ordained Thomas Patersoun, collector, "to pay to Thomas Fyschear, baillie, twenty schillings deburset be him for mending ane Spayngyarts heid."]

2 *July* 1589.

Capitane of the Castell, Lord Mortoun.

Ordanis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to caus ansuer the Lord Mortoun and the capitane of the Castell, ilk ane of twa mylne staynes furth of the commoun mylnis, vpoun thair resonabill expenssis.

18 *July* 1589.

Commissio, Bruce, minister.

Jhonn Arnott, provest, the baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer and counsall, for the maist pairt, beand convenit, fynds it expedient that ane be direct to attend vpoun maister Robert Bruce, minister, quhill his hamecvming furth of Sanctandrois and to haif him hamewart, and appoyntis James Dalyell, younger, with ane lettre to be direct with him to that effect.

25 *July* 1589.

Watsoun, minister.

Grantis and gevis to maister William Watsoun, ane of thair ordinare pastoris, the sowm of ane hunder merkis, yeirly, in augmentation of his former stipend induring his seruice.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXTRACTS.

13 *January* 1579-80.

Fyndis and delyueris that James Moncreif, induellar within this burgh, is subiect to pay extent and beir all portabill chargis thairin, insafar as his wyfe haldis ane oppin tavern and hostlery and thairby bruikis the privilege of ane freman. Moncreif, extent

27 *January* 1579-80.

The baillies and counsall foirsaidis ordanis William Littill, baillie, to delyuer to Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, the key of the hous abone the wester kirk dur for inputting of the tovnis calk thairin bocht be the said dene of gild at thair command for spairganing the kirk. Key, hous abone the kirk dur, calk.

It being schawin to the provest, baillies and counsall foirsaid, be John Johnstoun, collectour of the tovnis annuellis, thatt thair is dyueris actis and decreitis in thair court buikis, and in speciall sen the yeir of Pinky, very necessar to him for recouery of the saidis annuellis, quhilkis at all tymes quhen occasioun seruis, the clarkis laisour mycht nocht serue to luke outt to him, quhairby he was greitlie hinderit except remeid war found; fyndis and delyueris and als ordanis that the clarkis, keparis of the saidis buikis, sal geve to him the samyn, ane efter ane vther, for outluking of the saidis actis and decreitis, to be tane with him to his duelling, and after the luking over thairof to delyuer the samyn agane to the said clark delyuerar thairof. Court buikis, collectour.

29 *January* 1579-80.

Act anentis sic as tynis thair pley within burgh.

The provest, baillies, and counsall foirsaid settis and disponis to Robert Kar, youngar, ane of thair baillies, all and sindrie the dewties of all sic as tynis thair actiounis in the tolbuith befoir thame in jugement or befoir the jugis of the annuellis pertening to the gude tovne, vnto the feist of Michaelmes nixt, for the sovme of ane hundreth merkis, gude and vsuall money of this realme, to be bestowit on the puir be thair aduyse, quhilk sovme he byndis and obleissis him to pay to thame and thair successouris at the said feist of Michaelmes or to ony vtheris in thair names quhome they pleis depute to resave the samyn; provyding alwyes that the sovmes of money unrecouerit or resauit be him, quhairvpoun he gevis in deforcement or sufficient diligence aganis the persouns dettbund thairin, salbe allowit to the said Robert Kar in the formest end of the said sovme tobe payit be him in maner abone expremit; and that conforme to the tennour of the act of parliament laitlie maid be our Souerane Lord King James the saxt, with avyse of his Hienes thrie estaitis, in the parliament haldin at Edinburgh the [10 day of November] last bypast, off the quhilk act the tennour followis:—For pvneisment of thame thatt tynis the pley within burgh, cap. xxv. Item, our Souerane Lord and thre estaitis, vnderstanding that dyueris and syndrie his lieges, namelie within burgh, ar becumin sa wilfull, obstinat, and malicious, that they will nocht be content to pay and satefie thair nichtbouris and creditouris of sic debttis as ar justlie awand to thame without calling and compulsion of the law and extremitie thairof: thairfoir statutis and ordanis that the pairty agane quhome decreit beis gevin within burgh sall pay to the support of the pure tuelf penneis of euery pund efferand to that quhilk beis recouerit and obtenit befoir the juges, and alsua the expenssis of the pairty obtenar of the decreit, at the modificatioun of the saidis juges; and gif ony pairtie allegis, producis or gevis in befoir the juges within burgh any defence or exception quhilk hes bene of befoir proponit to the dilay of his pairty, the producar or proponar thairof sall pay the sovme and payne of tuenty s. to be employit to the help of the pure, and that so oft as failye beis maid; and

this to extend alsweill to the procuratour as principall pairtie in tyme cuming, etc. With expres power to the said Robert to cawse poynde or waird the personis, refusaris to pay the sovmes of money quhilk thay salbe decernit to pay, conforme to the termis of the act of parliament, vnto the feist of Michaelmes nixt as said is.

Act anentis sic as tynis thair plea within burgh.

5 *February* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies and council,] being convenit in the counsalhous for resoning vpon the common effaires, comperit Rychert Bynning, messinger and officer to the constable and his deputes, presented the Kingis Maiesties charge, charging thame to concur and assist with the said constabill and his deputis in executioun of his office, as alsua to mak oppin warde to thame for inputting and detening of sic as sallbe fund culpabill and conuict be the said constabill thairin; quhilk thai accepted and war willing to obey as the samyn is consauit; quhairvpon the said Rychert, in name of the constabill depute, askit instrumentis.

Villa, constabill.

9 *February* 1579-80.

Comperit Alexander Guthre, commoun clark, quha acknawleging his awin inhabilitie to do the tovne seruice as becumis, inrespect of his aige and infirmitie and seiknes fallin vnto him, for the quhilkis occasionis he frelie renuncit, remittit, and ourgaif the office of commoun clarkship . . . [and] delyueris presentlie in thair handis thair haill counsall buikis and dyett buikis pertening to the gude tovne, and sall delyuer all vther wrytis or buikis quhilkis ar in his hands or sall cum to his knawlege in ony tyme heirefter, to be vsit at thair plesouris, his awin porthogollis, quhilkis of rycht pertenis to him, onlie exceptit. And the said Alexander binds and obleissis him, his airis and assignayis, to mak patent all his saidis prothogollis for outdrawing of all sic instrumentis or vther writis contenit thairin as salbe to the furtherance of the commoun weill of this burgh, ministrie and pure thairof, vpon the tovnis resonabill expenssis.

Dimissioun of office of commoun clarkship be Guthre.

10 *February* 1579-80.

[The provost, bailies, counsall and deacons of crafts granted to Mr. Alexander Guthre, eldest son of the previous town clerk, the office of common

Villa, Guthre, principall clark.

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clerkship of the burgh,] and thatt onlie induring the provest, baillies, counsall, and dekynnis willis, or ay and quhill itt salbe knawin to thame or thair successouris that the said maister Alexander be found disobedient or contrarious to the magistratis of this burgh, or omittis and beis negligent to performe his office and dewtie in ony poynt, or do ony thing incontrair the liberties, privilegis or immunities thairof . . . .

Statutis to the commoun clark and his deputes.

Certain actis, statutis and articules, quhilk maister Alexander Guthre, commoun clark of this burgh, and his deputes, ar bund to obserue, keip, and fullelie obey.

Item, that Williame Stewart and Jhonn Guthre, brother to the said maister Alexander, salbe appointed deputes to the said commoun clark induring the tovnis gude will and the said maister Alexander Guthreis, vpoun thair gude behaviour; and the said William Stewart to subscryve all actis, decreitis, sesingis, and all vtheris materis necessar and requisit for the tovnis seruice at all tymes quhen the said maister Alexander salbe seik or out of the tovne, provyding that the proffeit cum to the common clark; and the saidis deputis, present and tocum, aither to be satefeit and contentit be the common clark for their seruice, and incais of variance to be at the jugement and determination of the provest, baillies, counsall and dekynnis, to quhilk jugement they submit thame; and incais the said common clark or principall depute, William Stewart, be seik or out of the tovne, the said Jhonn Guthre sall subscryve, quhilk salbe be sufficient.

Item, that na chairtour of Leith be aprovit bot sic as salbe subscryuit be the provest and twa of the baillies of this burgh, or at the leist twa of the baillies.

Item, that the common clark, nor his deputis, pretend nocht to resave ony in rentall or geve sesing of ony pairt or portioun of the commoun landis of this burgh, ather within or without the samyn, without ane speciall ordinance of the counsall, contening thair compositioun, and that they pretend nocht to buke or resave or assist to mak ony burgessis bot in presens of the counsall, according to the act of parliament, vnder the payn of disobedience.

Item, that all thingis pertening to the gude tovne be dewlie and honestlie done without delay, at the command of the provest, baillies and

counsall, and na dewtie nor payment be tane nor cravit for any evidentis, wrytis, or ony vther thingis pertening to the commoun affairis.

Item, that the said maister Alexander salbe subject to pas himself or furneis ane sufficient clark to pas vpoun the tovnis expensis to the conuentioun of burrowis gif the counsall sall requyre the samyn or think it neidfull.

Item, it is statute and ordanit be the provest, baillies, counsall and dekyns, that the commoun clark nor his deputis pretend nocht to produce ony proses to the avysing bot be the advyse and command of the provest and baillies present for the tyme and sic as they sall think maist neidfull and expedient, vnder the payne of disobedience.

Item, be reson it has plesit the Kingis Maiestie and his Hienes estatis to grant the act of parliament that tuelf penneis of euery pund salbe collected of euery persoun thatt tynts ane action befoir the provest and baillies of burrowis, to be employit to the pure within the samyn, as mair at lenth is contenit in the said act, that thairfore the said commoun clark and his deputes salbe bund and obleist and be this present act and ordinance ar bound and obleist to mak patent all the decreit buikis to him or thame that salbe appoynted to be collectouris or fermoraris thairof . . .

Item, it is statute and ordanit be the provest, baillies, counsall and dekynis, that presentlie thair salbe ane rentall maid of all sic thingis as appertenis to the gude tovne, and that be maister Alexander Guthrie, thair commoun clerk, as alsua ane outdraucht of all sic actis and statutis as ar maist necessar for the commoun proffeit of this burgh and liberties thairof, viz., sic is for frauchting of schippis, making of friemen, vsing of nycht-bourheidis, convening of the counsall, common statutis of the burgh, and all sic as ar commonlie to be sene and considerit on the counsall dayis, to the effect that the ordinances being collectit in ane buke may be brocht daylie to the counsall to be veseit, sene, and considerit as occasioun sall serue, and that na thing be done be the said commoun clark without ane speciall warrand of the counsall inactit in their counsall buke, vnder the payne of tynsell of his office.

Item, becaus that yeirlie the magistratis of this burgh ar electit and chosin of new at Michaelmes for the gude government of the tovne, that

Statutis to the commoun clark and his deputes.

thairfoir it is thocht gude, statute and ordanit be the saidis provest, baillies, counsall and dekynis, that in all tymes cuming, at the saidis tyme of Michaelmes, at the electioun of the magistratis, in presens of the provest, baillies, counsall and dekynis, the commoun clark and his deputes present and tocum sall geve thair aith of new to thame, for gude, trew and obedient seruice, in forme as followis:—We salbe leill and trew to our Souerane Lord and his successouris, to the provest, baillies, counsall, dekynnis and communitie of this burgh of Edinburgh and thair successouris, sall serue lelelie and trewlie in the office of commoun clarkschip, without feid or favour of ony persoun, sall nocht geve counsall nor consent to the dispositioun of ony pairt of the tovnis property nor common gude or ony thing that may be hurtfull to the commoun weill of the said burgh bot for ane common proffeit, and sall, with all reuerence, obey the magistratis of this burgh, in all thingis godelie, honest, and resonabill, sall obserue the iniunctions and euery poynt thairof appoynted to ws presentlie or that salbe appoynted or commandit vnto ws be the provest, baillies, counsall, and dekyns and their successouris, for the welfair of this burgh and nychtbouris thairof, and sall geve our just and trew counsall to the magistratis present and to cum in all maner of causes, and sall informe thame according to our jugement and knawlege of all actis, statutis, lawis, and ordinances for the welfair of this burgh. Sua help ws God, and be our partis of hevin.

24 *February* 1579-80.

Kirk annuells.

Anent the payment of the annuelrent of xvij merk yeirlie awand to the guid toun furth of the landis of Agnes Bellenden, lyferenter thairof, and William Adamesoun, heretour of the samyn, als weill byruns as in tyme cuming, referrit in thair willes be the saidis persouns vpoun the xix of Februar instant, fyndis and decernis inrespect the said land wes brynt at the byrning of Ingland, and sen syne ane greitt pairt demolist thir last trublis, quhairby the same gevis littill maill as yit, as als that Sir William Makkie, last chaiplen thairof, wes onelie in possessioun of xij merkis of the said annuell, and for better payment to be maid to thame in tyme cuming, that thairfor the saidis persouns sall pay for the byruns thairof sen the deceis of the said chaiplen, quhilk wes in anno 1571, the

sowme of fyftie merkis, and to pay in tyme cuming the sowme of twelf merkis of yeirlie annuell thairfore. Kirk annuells.

30 *March* 1580.

Ordanis all the occupeares and possessoures of quhatsumevir landis lyand within the fredome of this burgh quhilk pertenit of before to quhatsumeuir freiris or chaiplanes within the same and now pertening to the guid toun and thair hospitall to be lawfullie wairnit to flytt and remoue thairfra. Possessors, kirk lands.

6 *April* 1580.

Fyndis be just compt that the expenssis and hyre of the wrychtis and warkmen sent be the guid toun to the demolescheing and down casting of the cruvis and yairis on the watter of Forth, conforme to the acts of parliament and chairges maid and gevin to the guid toun conforme thairto, extends, during thair remaning thairvpoun, passing and returning thairtra, to the sowme of thre scoir foure pund threttein s. iiij d. Precept, the wrychtis, cruvis.

20 *April* 1580.

Gevis full power and commissioun to Jhonn Adamesoun, baillie, and Jhone Jhonestoun, thair collectour, to commoun, intreatt and agrie with Jhone Blyth, prebendare of the Kirk of Feild, and his procuratouris deputt be him anent the said Jhones prebendary anent the fruits and rents of the said Kirk of Feild and all vtheris things concerning the weill of the toun and hospitall. Commission to Jhone Jhonestoun, prebendary.

James Inglis, skynner, exhibit and producet the gift maid to the guid toun under the greitt seill of the Hospitall and Trinitie College quhilk wes instantlie delineret to Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, for the quhilk he sall be haldin to ansuer. Gift of the Trinitie College.

29 *April* 1580.

Ordanis that in all infeftments to be gevin in tyme cuming of any aikeris of the borrow muir, it be speciallie provydet and insert in the infeftment that the resaver of the sesing sall mak the kill and barn with the aikeris wourth yeirlie to the commoun mylnes of this burgh the sowme of Act anent aikeris in the muire.

Act anent aikeris in the mwre.

fyve li., that he sall nocht separat the killis and barn fra the aikeris, and sall fynd security to that effect.

3 *June* 1580.

Preceptorie of St Paules Wark.

Giffis, granttis, and disponis to Patrik Vernour, sone and apperand air to Jhonn Vernour, writter, the office of preceptorie of the hospitall of Sanct Pawles wark at Leyth Wynd fute, with all proffeits and casualiteis belanging thairto, to be peaceblie bruiket and joyset be him during the townis will allanerlie, quhilk office wes vacand at the guid townes dispositioun be deceis of vmquhill Sir William M'Dowgall, last possessour thairof. And the said Patrik gaif his ayth for lawfull administratioun of the said office conforme to the fundatioun sa far as is nocht repugnant to the trew relligioun now oppinly professit within this realme and conforme to the articles and iniunctiouns to be gevin to him thairpoun be the guid toun; and gif neid beis ordanis ane baillie and ane clerk to pas to the said hospitall and gif the said Patrik institutioun of the said office as vse is in sic caissis.

10 *June* 1580.

Precept, thesaurer, Fowler.

Ordanis Andro Steuinsoun, thesaurer, to content and pay to Issobell Fowler, seruand to Robert Key, eldare, the sowm of twenty schillings, and that for the prouest, baillies and ane pairt of the counsales disune furnist be hir at the Kings Maiesteis entry within this burgh.

8 *July* 1580.

Ministers lugeings. Frainsche schole.

[Ordained the treasurer to pay to the "collectoures appoyntet for payment of the nychtbouris that furnist and lent money to the bigging of the ministers lugeings" 50 merks,—and to Alexander Vddert £10 "for the Witsunday termes maill last of hous and schole of the maister of the Frainsche schole, Nicolas Anglois."]

14 *October* 1580.

Hislope, kepare of the kirk yaird.

Makis and constitutes Thomas Hislope thair porter of the kirk yaird for clengeing of the same, preseruatioun of the glas wyndowes, redding and taiking away of the filth and mwk about the kirk and tolbuith, for the quhilk caus thai haif sett and settis to him the chope or littil hous

bigget at the entry of the said Hie Kirk yaird on the eist paint thairof, and grants vnto him ane yeirlie fie of thre pund.

4 *November* 1580.

Statutes and ordanis that na baillie nor clerk of this burgh sall gif sesing heirafter to any maner of persoun of any aikers of the burrow muir but speciallie licence and command of the prouest, baillies and counsale, be thair act or precepts direct to that effect, and rychtswa of the freiris landis.

Becaus the tennents and fewares of the aikers of the common muir and freires lands fraudfullie abstracts thair awld euidents, that the seruie and dewteis aweht to the toun sall nocht be knawin, and that it hes bene the custome of vthers to mak ane regester of the infeftments and landis gevin furth be thame, quhilk hes bene neglectit within this burgh in tymes past, for remeid thairof ordanis ane register buik to be maid be the thesaurer and the clerk, vpoun the pairteis expenssis, to insert thairin all the chairters, precepts of sesing, and vther euidents maid to any maner of persoun of the said landis and aikers as thai sall come in hand, togidder with all charters, precepts of sesings, and sielyke, to be maid heirafter of the samyn.

7 *December* 1580.

After consideratioun of the manifold inconvenients that may follow throw entering of any persoun air to the landis quhilk pertenit to thair predicessouris be hesp and staipell, without any forther cognitioun, tayn gif thai be narrest air or nocht, be generall breiffis, and sielyke guid ordour as may serue to eschew all defraude and be the better security to the pairty, as alswa sall agrie with the honesty of the gever of the sesings, thairfore hes statute, ordanit and commandit, in all tyme cuming, that nane of the baillies of this burgh, present or to cum, gif sesing to any maner of persouns of the lands quhilk pertenit to thair predicessouris, be entering thame as aires be hesp and staipell, before thai be first seruet generall aires be ane condigne inqueist chosin and swerne thairto.

30 *December* 1580.

Admissioun of Guthre, clerk of Leyth.

[The provost, bailies, council, and deacons of crafts granted to Jhonn Guthre "the office of clerkship of the towne of Leyth on the sowth syde of the watter thairof, pertening to the prouest, baillies, counsale and deikins and community of this burgh as lordis superiouris of the same."]

4 *January* 1580-1.

Court buiks of Leyth.

Jhonne Guthre, clerk of Leyth, confessit and grantet him to haif resauet in name of the guid toun awchtein cowrt buiks of the toun of Leyth, writtin be vmquhill Jhonn Robertsoun, clerk thairof, and his seruandis, to witt, ane court buik begynnand 4 Decembris 1567 and ending xj Aprilis 1573, certane court buikis fra the xj of Julij 1573 to the viij of Marche 1575, extending to sevin buiks, ane buik begynnand 5 Junij 1576 and endand xv of November 1576, ane buik begynnand xvij Novembris 1576 and endand xv Maij 1577, ane buik begynnand xvi of Maij 1577 and endand xiiij Novembris 1577, ane buik begynnand xv Novembris 1577 and endand the penult of May 1578, ane vther buik begynnand viij Junij 1580 and endand xxv Octobris that yeir, ane buik begynnand the last of May 1578 and endand xx Januarij 1578, ane minute or scrow buik begynnand in November 1569 and endand in May 1570, ane buik begynnand the xvj Aprilis 1574 to the xxvij of Julij that yeir, ane buik of the daitt xiij Decembris 1572 and endand the viij of Julij 1573, ane scrow buik begynnand viij° Septembris 1568 and endand the xxix Martii 1569, making in the haill awchtein buikis. Quhilkis he oblist himselff to mak furtheumand to the prouest, baillies, and counsale of this burgh quhen thai pleis call thairfore.

13 *January* 1580-1.

Clengeris in St. Colmes Inche.

Vnderstanding the haill merchants and mariners of the schip callit the William of Leyth quhilk wes infectit with the pest and lyand at S. Colmes Inche, to be haillie transported furth of the said Inche, and that na infectioun is apperand to follow, prayset be God, the only clengeris remanand in the said ile quha hes biddin this lang tyme thair and hes

bene clengeit, thairfore ordanis maister William Balfour, baillie in Leyth, to caus thame be clengeit of new in the said ile, and thairafter transported and incluset in the houssis at the New Heavin in maist sure maner quhill forther ordour be tane with thame. Clengeit in of Common Inches.

3 *February* 1580-1.

[The provost, bailies, council and deacons of crafts] ratifeis, approvis and consentis to the appoyntment to be maid betuix the toun and Jhone Gib anent the pronestrie of the Kirk of Feild, as the samyn is commonit and agreit with the said Jhone, be my lord provest and the persouns deput for the making thairof. Quhilk persouns thai ordane to schaw the same to the townes assessouris and to tak thair avyse thairanent for supplying thairof gif neid beis as thai find may stand with the townes better security. Anent the pronestrie of the Kirk of Feild.

20 *March* 1580-1.

For preseruatioun of the toun in this apperant trublis [tyme,] hes accordit that ane nichtly watche be sett of the nychtbouris of this burgh and suirly kepit be the commanders of the fifties, euery man and his company thair nycht about, and the baillies to sie the sam be nocht swa slak and negligent as it hes bene in tymes past, and the absents to be vnlawet for the vnlaw of xl s. ilk persoun without any favour. Villa, watche.

19 *April* 1581.

Ordanis proclamatioun to be maid that na gyrs wemen nor vtheris pas within the South Loch to cheir the gyrs thairof, hary the burd nestis, tak away the eggis of the saming befoire Midsymmer nixt, vnder the payne of skurgein. Proclamatio. South Loch.

22 *April* 1581.

Vnderstanding that heirtofoire thaire Sowith Loch hes bene gritlie misvsit and evill handlit in sindrye pairtis thairof, bot specialie at the clowse, be sindry personis be thaire priuate commoditie, latting owt and halding in the sam at thair plesour, breking the clowse and distroying the fischeing; and thaire nychtbour, Edward Galbrayth, having oft tymes desyrit ane tak of the commodity of the rin of the said loch and offerit thairfoire ather Seeing of the Rin of the Sowith Loch.

Setting of the rin of the Sowth Loch.

to pay xiij s. iiij d. yeirlie to the commoun rent or ellis to vphald the calsey at the eist end of the said loch, sa far as the loch boundis at that eist end of the samyng, beand anes maid sufficient to him, and forther, to latt owt in the said loch at the townis plesour. Quhilk offer being fund ressonabil and to tend to the weill of the burgh, therfoire the saidis prouest, bailles, cownsale and deykines hes sett . . . to the said Edward, his airis, assignais and subtennentis, ane or ma, all and haill the rin of the said loch and all commodity that mey redound to him thairthrow [for 19 years from this date]. For the quhilk caussis, the said Edward hes obleist him selff and his foirsaidis to mak, big and repaire the said calsay at the eist end of the said loch, sa far as the said loch boundis of breid at the eist end, in substantious maner at all pairtis neidfull and falteis thairof, and to vphald the same sufficientlie in all thingis during this present tak, and to clame na farther titill to the girs of the said loch bot as ane common nychtboure of the towne, and farther to mak ane sufficient clowse in the said loch, at the sicht of the prouest, bailleis and counsale, and the same to dame in or latt furth swa oft as thai sall think neidfull, in somer or wynter. And becaus the repairing of the said calsay wilbe sumpteous and greitt expenssis to the said Edward, and the commoditie of the said rin is ane thing of littill consequence and hes nocht bein regairdit hitherto, thairfore thai have grantit to gif to the said Edward the sowme of ten lib. to help him to repaire the said calsay.

5 *May* 1581.

Burse in Leyth.

Ordanis Johne Robesone, thesaurer, to caus red the grund of the townis land and waist besyde the schoir of Leyth, callit the Burse, and to dyke and fowsie the same, and to sett vp ane place thairvpoun and ordour the townis aisler staynis lyand owt of ordour and in perrell of tynsale and steilling.

10 *May* 1581.

Conseruatour, Broun.

Ordanis lettres missewes to be direct to the conseruatour in Flanderis in faworis of Williame Broun and certane merchantis of this burgh, be quhome it is complenit that the said conseruatour stayis thaire gudis in the stapill at Campheir, compelling thame to mak markatt thaire and

will nocht suffer thame to transport the saming in the countrie, to thaire gritt hurt and preiudice of thaire priuilegis. [illegible]

Grantis, gewis, and disponis to Margett and [illegible] Lillie, [illegible] dochteris to vmquhill Mathow Lillie, the escheit of all guidis, gold, jewellis, sownis of money and vtheris quhatsumewer quhill appertenit to the said Mathow in tyme of his deceis and now fallin and become in the handis of the guid toun as escheit throw being of him conuict and executit to the deid, befoire the provest and bailleis of the burgh, for the cruell slauchter of vmquhile Barbary Sym, his spous. [illegible]

Ordanis Johne Robesone, thesaurer, to pay to Alexander Widdart, baillie, Johne Harrot, and William Littill, the sowme of saxe pund auchtein s. iiij d. for thaire expenssis in passing in the townis effairis to Sanct Colmis Inche for visiting of the aisler stanes thaire quhilk ar to be brocht to the townis warkis. St Colmes Inche.

12 *May* 1581.

Anent the supplicatioun gewin in for the pairt of the inhabitants in the toun of Leith, desyring thaire present extent to be dischairgit, in respect of thaire present povertie, and that thai war nocht in vse in paying of ony extent to thaire superioris in tymes bypast, findis the contrarie heirof to be of weritie, and thairfoire ordanis thame to mak payment of the said extent nochtwithstanding the premissis. And als ordanis the bailleis of Leith to dischairge the baxteris thairof of bakein of ony aitt laewis conforme to the proclamatioun maid thairvpoun. Extent of Leith.

16 *June* 1581.

The prouest, baillies and counsale dischairgis Robert Gourlaw, buik-binder, of all tred of merchandice within thair fredome quhill he be maid frie burges with the towne, vnder the payne of escheitt of his guidis quhaireuir he may be apprehendit within the samyn. Gourlaw, [illegible]

21 *June* 1581.

Becaus it wes meanit that maister Thomas Buquhanane, kepare of the privy seill, is verray exorbitant in his pryces for passing the townes Privie seill. Kirk of Field.

Privie seill, Kirk of Feild.

lettre of confirmatioun of Jhone Gibs renunciatioun of the Kirk of Feild, ordanis Jhone Jhonestoun, William Naper, James Nicoll and Henry Nesbet to speik and agrie with him thairanent, and that it be rememberit in the nixt parliament to propone for remeid in tyme cuming.

23 *June* 1581.

Precept, Kirk of Feild, pryvie seil.

Ordanis Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, to pay to maister Thomas Buquhannane the sowme of fyve pund for passing throw the privy seill of the townes lettre and signatour of confirmatioun of renunciatioun maid be Jhone Gib of the provestry of the Kirk of Feild.

28 *June* 1581.

Baillies to solist lords for towne of Forfare.

The bailies [and council] hes consentit that twa of the baillies, with sic of the counsale as thai sall requyre, pas with the clerk of Forfare to the lordis of sessioun and solist for the said towne in the caus betuix thame and the inhabitants of Kynnemuir for vsurpeing thair liberty and to defend and assist thame in all that may forther thair caus.

Lyoun, cuik burges.

At request of the Kings Grace, admittis Jhone Lyoun, his Hienes maister cuik, burges of this burgh, and grantis vnto the said Jhone owersicht and licence to exerce the tred of ane gild brother in lyke maner, and the dewty of the said burgesschip gevin gratis to the said Jhone.

Anent the multure quhilk the castell suld pay.

Fyndis that of awld vse and consuetude the capitane of the castell of this burgh aweht to pay at the commoun mylnis bot half multure of the malt grund thairat to the vse of the place and to serve within the same allenerly, and thairfore dischairges thair fermorers of all taking of ony gritter multure of the said place, provyding thai se that the malt grund be to the vse of the place allanerly and nocht to the vse of any particulare persoun within the samyn.

30 *June* 1581.

Villa, tymmer lying, aisler staynes.

Becaus it is necessar that provisioun be maid for the townis commoun warkes of the best and reddiest tymmer presently in Leyth, ordanis the dene of gild and thesaurer and Andrew Steuinsoun to visy the said tymmer and by the sam and mak pryce thairof to the townes behuif; and

syclyke referris vnto thame and Robert Bog of the counsale to tak ordour for vpbringing and placeing of the aisler staynes cum fra St Colmes Inche and lyand on the schore of Leyth. [illegible]

12 *July* 1581.

Comperit Alesoun Makneill, the relict of vmquhill Jhone Robertsoun, clerk of Leyth, and Archibald Noruell, notare, and producet twa court buiks of the said town of Leyth, the ane thairof begynnand the xxj of Januar 1578 and endand the xvij of October 1579, the vther begynnand the said day of October and endand the fourt of Maij 1580; quhilk buiks wes instantly delyuerit to Jhone Guthre, clerk of Leyth, quha oblist himself to mak the sam furthcummand to the guid towne. Forther the saids provest, baillies and counsale decernis and ordanis the said Archibald Noruell to desist and cease frome all vsing or exerceing in ony tyme cuming of any thing quhilk the clerk of Leyth in tymes past hes bene in vse to excerce concerning his office; and specially fra all subscryving or gevin furth of ony acts or decreitts in tyme cuming; to the quhilkis the said Archibald consentit. Clerk of Leyth.

14 *July* 1581.

Comperit Sir Thomas Gray, ane of the prebendares of the College Kirk of St. Jeill of the said burgh, and of his awin frie will renunceit, guit ower, and simpliciter dimittit, lyke as he, be thir presents, renunces, gevis ower, and simpliciter dimittis his prebendarie callit Prebenda S. Michaelis de Monte Tumba, foundit at the altare callit St. James alter, sumtyme situat within the said kirk, to the quhilk he wes provydet of before be the provest and baillies of the said burgh for the tyme . . . and that in favouris of the saidis prouest, baillies, counsale and community and thair successoures . . . For the quhilk caus [the bailies and council bound themselves and the community to pay to him £18 Scots yearly during his lifetime]. Agreement with Gray, prebendary.

16 *August* 1581.

It was schawin be my lord provest that it wes reportit to his lordschip that Andro Vallange, tailycour in Leyth, had laitly in his drinking spokin evill of our Souerane Lord, quhairvpoun his lordship cawsit tak Vallange in Leyth.

Vallange in Leyth.

the said Andro and putt him in ward in Leyth, and dyuers witnessis to be examinat vpoun his speking, quhais depositiouns beand red and considerit, it wes ordanit that the said provest, with William Naper, baillie, and Henry Nesbet suld pas to the Kings grace in Dalkeyth and schow the mater to his Grace and Secreitt Counsale, and requyr thair willis quhat wes forther to be done concerning the said ordour.

27 *October* 1581.

Decreitt of the Seynis.

Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, producet the townis decreitt reductiue, obtenit aganis the sisters of the Seynis, tennents and possessouris of certane landis appertening thairto, gevin furth to thame be the toun, decerning the said landis to returne to the towne, inrespect of the claus irritant contenit in the charter maid thairvpoun, and declairit that he deburset to George Gibsoun and his seruands thre pund allevin schilling aught d. for extracting thairof, and thairfore ordanis the said sowme to be allowet to the said thesaurer in his compts.

17 *November* 1581.

Precept, thesaurer, Scherp.

[Ordained that the treasurer be allowed in his accounts £6, 6s. 8d. "for ane rose nobill, delyuerit at the baillies command to Mr. Jhone Scherp, aduocat, for his consultatioun in the townis effairis and making of the billis to the lordis of articles of this present parliament, viz., ane concerning the abbott of Kinlos, ane vther for confirmatioun of the townis gift of the annuellis, and the thrid concerning the Cannogaitt for staying thair desyre to the parliament anent thair pretendit fredome."]

7 *February* 1581–2.

Grott Hospitale.

With avyse of the ministeris, eldares and deaconis of the kirk, grantis ane place, bed and rowme in the new hospitale, induring thair willis, to maister Gilbert Grott, sumtyme writter, and ordanis the maisters of the hospitale to resaue and place him thairinto.

9 *March* 1581–2.

Guthre, ministeris ludgeings.

Vpoun the report of Alexander Vddert, maister Jhone Prestoun, and vthers of the counsale, quha wes appoyntit to intreatt and commoun with

Chairlis Guthre, brother to vmquhill maister David Guthre, vpoun Lis allegeit rycht to the landis, yairdis and houssis quhair new ar situat the ministers lugeings, fyndis it necessar and profitabill to the towne to agrie with the said Chairlis, for the sowm of twa hundreth merkis, for his said richt and kyndnes and for obtening the townis security at the Lord Drummond and provest of St. Geillis kirk, according as sall be devysit be the townis assessouris. And ordanis the said Alexander Veldert, maister Jhone Prestoun and Jhone Jhonestoun, collectour, to pas to the said assessouris and se the said securities pennit and endit. Guthre, [illegible] Lugeings.

18 *April* 1582.

Fyndis Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, to haif deboursit in necessar expenssis vpoun my lord prouest, baillies, certane of the counsall, and others nichtbouris, merchants and craftismen, quha passit laitly to Strineling to the Kings grace to travell for Gilbert Dik, baillie, as als for obtening the signatouris past concerning the fundatioun of ane College and anent the abbott of Kinlos, the sowm of sex scoir fyve pund sex schillings aucht penneis, conforme to the particulare compt thairof. Nichtbouris passand to Strineling.

9 *May* 1582.

My lord prouest airnestlie desyrit the baillies to be diligent and cairfull to execut the statutes of the towne, speciallie anent the baxters, browsters, taverneris and maltmen, becaus the sam hes bene grettumlie neglectit in tymes past. Prouest executioun of the statutes.

Comperit Gilbert Dik, baillie, and offerit himselff reddy and willing to obey the command and desyre of the Kings Graces lettre, presentit by my lord prouest the secund of May instant, anent the removing of the said Gilbert fra the office of baillierie, vnder protestatioun that he grant nocht the narratioun thairof in ony wayis to be of verity, and desyret the copy of the sam. Dik, baillie, Kings lettre.

Ordanes Jhone Robertsoun, thesaurer, to caus mak and delyuer to Jhonn Mowatt, blindman, ane liveray and garmount of gros clayth with the townis airmis thairon. Mowatt, blindman.

9 *June* 1582.

Mowat, blind man.

Ordanis Jhonn Robertsoun, thesaurer, to by and delyuer to John Mowatt, blindman, ane symphioun to play vpoun.

13 *June* 1582.

Dury, minister.

Appoynts and nominats Michaell Gilbert, goldsmyth, to pas in the name of the town to the King in Stirling with the commissioners of the kirk to travell for hamebringing of Jhonn Dury, minister.

15 *June* 1582.

Wilsoun, maister of St. Paules Wark.

The foirsaidis provest, bailies and counsale and [deacons of crafts] grantis, gevis and dispones to Roger Wilsoun, notar publict and scoole maister, the office and place of the maister of the hospitall of Sanct Pawles Work, callit our Lady Hospitall, with all fies, profites, dewteis, commodities and casualities belongand thairto, now vacand and beand at thair dispositioun, as vndowbitit patrones of the said hospitale, be deceis of vmquhile Patrik Vernour, last maister thairof, to be bruikit and joysit be him induring thair willis allanerlie and conforme to the rewlis and iniunctiounes gevin be thame to the said Roger and presentlie publist to him; quhilk he acceptit and promeist to obey and fulfill. Provyding that quhen it sall pleis thame and thair successouris to find ane mair meit and convenient persoun for the said office, after thair judgement, in that cais the said Roger to be removit thairfra and that persone or persones to be putt in his place; and the said provest, bailies and counsale declairit this to be done be thame without preiudice of thair ryght and priuilege to dispone the said office, be vertew of the principall fundatioun, be thame selffes without consent of the deikynnis of craftis.

Rewles and statutes of St. Paules Wark.

Followes the rewles and statutes to be obseruit be the maister and beidmen of the hospitale of St Paules Work, inioynit to thame be the provest, bailies and counsale of the burgh of Edinburgh, vndowbtet patrones thairof, maid 15 Junij 1582.

Anent the Maister.

First. It is requisite that in his outward lyfe and maners that he

be of ane guid name and honest conversatioun, grave and digest in his behaviour, nocht gevin to ony commoun or notable vice, as ane blasphemer of Goddis name, ane sweirer of execrable aithes, ane drunkard, dysser, cairter, contentious, or leiding ane vagabund or idle lyfe, bot exerceing him selff in sum honest industrie.

Nixt, that he can perfitelie reid and wryte, and that he be of indifferent knowlege, witt, and judgement to behaif him selff circumspectlie and in the favour of all guid men, diligent and expert to governe his brethir according to the rewles gevin to thame and cairfull thairinto.

Item, in religioun that he be ane oppin and zelous professour of the trew religioun at this present publictlie preachet within this realme and diligent keiper of the preicheing and prayeris, habill and qualifeit to instruct his brethir in the principall grundis of religioun, and na les cairfull to do the same, instructing and examening thame thairunto.

Als that he convene with his brethir ilk day at ix houris befoir none and three houris afternone in the new hospitale in the Trinitie College, quhair he sall baith distinctlie and devoutlie reid to thame and the puir of the said hospitale the commoun prayeris, than be conversant togidder ane hour, with the mair, in seruing God and praying for incres of the Evangell, the prosperitie of the Kings Grace and haill realme, and for the commoun weill of this toun, thair patrones; that he gif attendance that nane of his brether be absent frae the said prayeris and execute vpoun thame the paines contenit in the rewles gevin to thame. That he sie thai keip lykwayes the prayers and preacheins in the toun.

Item, anent the commoun rent of the said hospitale, that he diligentlie and carefullie inbring and collect the same, vpoun his awin expenssis, and distribut it faithfullie amongis his brether conforme to the principall fundatioun, and sall mak compt thairof yeirlie at the making of the tounes comptis to the guid toun, thair patrone.

Generallie, that he do all thingis appointit to him in the principall fundatioun, according to the mynd of the fundatour, and haif ane copy thairof in Scottis, gif he vnderstand nocht the Latine, nocht astricting him alwayes nor his brethir to ony thing contenit thairin repugnant to the trew religioun, nor yitt astrictand thame to that quhilk in respect of

Rewles and statutes of St. Paules Wark.

the present estait of the said hospitale is nocht possible to be keipit quhill it be ather repairit, the rent augmentit, or sum vther guid ordour tane thairwith.

Item, that he intime and reid to his brethir now present and to . . . . and that sallbe admittit heirafter, at the tyme of ressauing, the rewles in the said fundatioun, togidder with thir present articles and and lawes, gevin alsweill to him as thame, that thai pretend na excuis of ignorance.

Item, that he find sufficient responsall souertie to the patrones for his doing office in the obseruing of the said fundatioun and thir present rewles and to be ansuerable for his intromissioun with the commoun rent of the said hospitale.

Fynallie, that he sall underly all further ordour that sall be inioynit to him be his said patrones or be the kirk of this burgh with thair awyise.

Gif he faile in ony of the pointes heir mentionat, or beis fundin negligent and cairles of his dewtie, or yitt obstinate, wilfull or disobedient, he sall be depryvit for ever fra the said office and vtherwayes pvnist at the discretioun of the said patrones.

Anent the Beidmen and Brethir of the said Hospitale.

First, in thair outwart lyfe and maners, that thai be not defylit with blame of ony notable vyce, bot of guid fame and conversatioun, na blasphemers or sweirares, drinkares, cairters, dysars, theiffis or pykers, contentious, idill or vagabund persones, na oppin nor sturdie beggares, bot exerceing thame selffis in sum honest and lawfull trade or schift, gif seiknes, aige or impotencie may suffer thame.

That thai be obedient to thair maister, swa that he haif na caus to complene, for the persones obstinat, wilfull, and disobedient sall be extremelie pvnist and depryvit.

Item, in religioun that thai be na papistes, bot of the trew religioun knawand the cheif grundis thairof, speciallie the Lordis Prayer, Beleif and Commandis, keip the preaching and prayeris and examinatioun in

the toun, and be cirnist and willing to serue God and to leirne quhair thai ar ignorant.

Rules and statutes of St. Paniss Wark.

That thai convene to the prayeris with thair maister, ilk day, in the new hospitale, at ix houris befoir none and iij houris after none, thair to remayne in calling vpoun God for incres of the religioun, prosperitie of the toun and realme, and for the commoun weill of this toun, thair patrones, and vtherwayes seruing God zealouslie and devotlie ane hour or mair.

The persones absent, without licence and haill in bodie, sall tyne ilk tyme ijd. of his leving, to be distribute among the persones present, and gif he continew in long absence sall be pvnist as ane contemnare and depryvit for ever.

Item, anent thair rent, thocht it be small yit thai sall not drink, waist nor dilapidate the same at anes, bot bestow it fruitfullie on thame selflis, to thair necessar sustentatioun, ane pairt in meit and drink and ane vther in cleithing, and quha sall be honest and best stewart thairof sall haif his portioun helpit best as the commoun rent thairof may spair, or with sic casualitie as the patrones or kirk sall bestow vpon thame.

Generallie, that thai do all thinges concerning thame as is contenit in the principall fundation, according to the mynd of the fundatour, swa far as is possible to be done and as repugnis nocht to the trew religioun.

Fynallie, thai sall vnderly ony forther ordour that sall be gevin thame be the said patronis or be the kirk with thair advise.

Gif onie failie or contravene ony point of thir premissis, [he] sall be depryvit and pvnist at the will of the patrones according to the weyght of his falt.

27 *July* 1582.

Bishop of Glasgw.

The foresaidis prouest, baillies and counsall, and certane deykins of crafts, directis Robert Bog and Edward Galbrayth to pas on the townis expenssis to St Jhonestoun, to the Kings Maiestie, to schaw the maner of the putting furth of the town of maister Jhone Montgomry, Bishop of Glasgw, to the effect his Grace be nocht evill informet of the town be evill reports.

1 *August* 1582.

Dury, minister Mawle.

Directis William Mawle, merchant, for the counsall, to pas with maister Jhone Skene, aduocatt, and Patrik Sandelands, tailyeour, commissioners to the kirk, to travell with the Kings Grace in St Jhonston anent hamebringing of Jhone Dury, minister.

25 *August* 1582.

Commissioners to the Kings Grace.

Thairafter the saidis provest, baillies, counsall and deykins electit William Littill and Thomas Fischear to pas to the Kings Grace with lettres of the town, and to gett his Maiesteis ansuer of his present estaitt, and als to gett ane writting subscryuet dischargeing the comptroller of making mentioun of the Kings customes vpoun this burgh.

31 *August* 1582.

Commissioners to the Kings Grace.

The prouest, baillies, and counsall and deykins of crafts directis Alexander Vddert, in name of the town, to pas with Jhone Adamesoun and Jhone Wilkyne, commissioners for the kirk, to the Kings Grace at Perth, and thair to travell for hamebringing of Jhone Dury, minister, and als to speik his Grace and knaw of his Graces estaitt, and delyuer the townes lettre to that effect.

Townes artailyerie.

Ordanis the townis munitioun or artailyery, beand in the hands of Andro Sclater and executouris of Robert Galbrayth, to be gottin inbrocht vp fra Leyth and delyuerit, and thai to be satisfeit for the new stokking thairof.

14 *September* 1582.

Protestatio decanorum penes compositiones.

In presens of the prouest, baillies and counsale, Gilbert Prumrose, chirurgeane, Edward Galbrayth, skynner, Edward Hairt, goldsmyth, Adame Newtoun, baxter, Jhone Nicolsoun, cordiner, William Hopprin-gill, tailyeour, deykins of crafts, for thame selffis and in name of the haill crafts of this burgh, protestet and declairit that thai playnlie dissent to all maner of compositiouns maid or to be maid be the counsall for the byruns of ony kirk annuells without thair speciall consent had thairto, and thairvpon askit acts of court. And Jhonn Moresoun, baillie, protestet in name of the counsall that na compositiouns wes maid by the consent of the prouest, baillies and counsall.

17 *October* 1582.

[The provost, bailies and council] electit and chuse maister Jhonn Scherp, maister Jhonn Prestoun and maister Thomas Craig, advocats, assessouris to the guid town for the yeir to cum. . . . And James Fergussoun, baillie, Jhonn Bairnisfather, tailycour, for thame selflis and in name of the deykins of crafts, dissentit to the electioun of the said assessouris becaus the deykins wes nocht callit thairto.

19 *October* 1582.

Comperit the deykins of crafts following, to witt, Gilbert Primrose, chirurgeane, Jhonn Watt, smyth, Adame Newtoun, baxter, Jhonn Nicolsoun, cordiner, Jhonn Williamsoun, wrycht, Edward Hairt, goldsmyth, William Bikkertoun, masoun, William Hoppringill, tailycour, Thomas Wricht, webster, (*blank*) walker, (*blank*) bonnetmaker. And the said Gilbert Primrose producet the act of secreitt counsall vnderwritten, desyring the sam to be registrat, of the quhilk the tenour followes:—Apud Halyruidhous xij° die mensis Octobris anno Domini j^m v^c lxxxij. The quhilk day, Gilbert Prumrose, deykin of the chirurgeanes, for him selff and in name of the remanent deykins and craftismen of the burgh of Edinburgh, askit instruments vpoun the Kings Maiesteis declaratioun, maid in presens of the lordis of his Hienes privie counsall, that his Maiestie had taikin vpoun him selff the nominatioun of the persouns vnderwrittin, they ar to say, Alexander Clerk of Balbirny to be provest, Jhonn Adamsoun, maister Michaell Chisholm, Andro Sclater, William Fairly, to be baillies, Mungo Russell to be thesaurer, and maister Jhonn Prestoun to be dene of gild of the said burgh, this present yeir; and that his Maiestie willit and commandet the said deykins and craftismen to acknawlege, reuerence, and obey the foresaidis persouns as appoyntit be his Hienes awin nominatioun to be magestrats within the said burgh as said is, without respect of the forme and ordour of their electioun vsit vpoun the secund day of October instant, and without preiudice alswa of ony the liberteis and priveleges ather of the merchants or craftismen of the said burgh in tyme cuming. And thairatter declairit that the said dekins wer redy to obey the maiestrats of this

burgh as chosin be his Maiestie, conform to the said act, and thairvpoun askit instruments.

28 *November* 1582.

Trinity College, maisters of the hospitall.

Appoyntit and agreit with maister Jhonn Manderstoun, ane of the prebendares of the Trinity College, anent his title and richt to ane yaird in the said College as followes, to witt: In respect the proffitt of the haill yairds cumis to the vse of the puir in the hospitale of the said college, thairfore ordanis the maisters of the said hospitall to pay to the said maister Jhonn the sowm of fourty schillings in full contentatioun of the haill byrun proffeitts quhilk the said maister Jhone may clame for his yaird; and the maisteris of the said hospitall present and to cum to pay to him yeirly and termely the sowm of fourty schillings induring his lyfetyme, begynnand the first termes payment at Whitsounday nixt; for the quhilk caus the said maister Jhonn renunces all rycht, title and kyndnes quhilk he hes or may pretend to haif to ony of the saidis yairds in tyme cuming, togidder with the byrun proffeits thairot.

12 *December* 1582.

Villa, deykins.

The provest, baillies and counsell desyrit and requyrit the deykins of craftis, being personally present, to consent to the setting of ane extent for getting of the thowsand crownis quhilk the Kings Grace desyrit in borrowing of the guid town, and sicklyke that thai wald extent for bying of the benefice of the Seynis fra maister James Durhame to the vse of the College to be foundet in the Kirk of Feild, and the saidis deikins alluterly refusit to grant ony maner of extent for the caussis foresaidis: and thairvpoun the said baillies and counsell askit instrumentis.

22 *February* 1582-3.

Commissio, merchants, craftis.

The said baillies and counsell, for thame selflis and in name of the haill merchant estaitt of this burgh, makis and constitutes Henry Nesbet and Jhonn Jhonestoun, and in absence of the said Henry, Robert Ker, younger, thair procuratouris and commissioneris to compeir befoir the Kings Grace and arbiteris chosin betuix the merchants and craftis, quhatsumeuir day or dayes convenient, and thair to inform, ressoun and con-

clude with thame in all debaittabill materis mentionat in the said compromitt, and fra thair sentence gif neid beis to appeill, and generally all vther things to do and exeree that the said baillies, counsell and merchants mycht do thame selffis gif thai wer at all tymes in full assembly present in proper persouns. Counsell, merchants, craftis.

5 *April* 1583.

[Ordained that 600 merks, being the redemption price of an annualrent of £40, pertaining to the town, should "be employet vpoun the bigging and founding of ane College in the Kirk of Feild."] College.

[Ordained that there be allowed in the treasurer's accounts £128, 5s. 9d., being the amount of sums disbursed "for the disiones of the burrowes in Nouember and December last, as alswa of the denners furnist to the gentilmen quha wer chosin commoners betuix the merchants and craftis at dyuers tymes in Januar last."] Precept, thesaurer, burrowes, commoneris.

26 *April* 1583.

Makis and constitutes Androw Sclater, baillie, and Dauid Kinloch, baxter, maisters of wark to the bigging of the wallis of the colleges to be maid at the Kirk of Feild, and to tak compt of the warkmen, feying of thame, and paying of thair owlklie wedges, ilk Setterday at evin, and to mak compt thairvpoun to the guid town. Maisteris of wark to the College.

10 *May* 1583.

Maister Michaell Chisholm, baillie, producet the decreitt arbitrall gevin betuix the merchants and craftismen of this burgh be our Souerane Lord the Kings Grace as owrisman and Robert Fairlie or Braid [and other arbiters,] daitt the xxij day of Aprile last. Quhilk decreitt maister Jhonn Prestoun, dene of gild, tuik instruments that he intimat the sam to dyuers deykins of crafts, being personallie present, als weill the awld deykins as certane vthers deykins new chosin, and lykwayes producet certane lettres of secreitt counsall vnder the signet and subscryuet be the Kings Maiestie chairgeing the deykins of crafts new chosin to desist fra that office, the awld deykins to continew quhill the tyme appoyntit in the said decreitt, and that the saidis deykins and crafts keip, obserue, and fulfill the said decreitt in all poynts; and heirvpon askit acts of court. Decreit arbitrall intimat to the craftis.

LIST

OF THE

PROVOSTS, BAILIES, COUNCILLORS, DEACONS OF CRAFTS, AND OTHER OFFICE-BEARERS

OF THE

CITY OF EDINBURGH,

1573-89.

[The election of Magistrates and other Office-bearers in Burghs took place at Michaelmas annually. The municipal year thus extended from the beginning of October in one year to the beginning of October in the year following.]

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1573-4.

THE LORD LYNDESAY, *Provost.*

Archibald Stewart, Alexander Vddart, Henry Neisbett, Symon Mariorebankis,—*Bailies.*

Williame Patersoun, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, *Treasurer.*

Mr. Jhonn Prestoun, Jhonn Adamesoun, Mr. Michaell Chisholme, Mongo Russell, Williame Littill, Adame Foullartoun, Williame Adamesoun, Johnn Arnott, Johnn Robertsoun, James Olephant, Thomas Aikinheid, Williame Monteith, *Councillors.*

Dauid Kynloch, baxter, Murdoch Walker, mason, Jhonn Cowpar, tailor, Johnn Hendersoun, flesher, Jhonn Annan, cutler, Nowy Bruce, barber, Eduard Galbrayth, skinner, Jhonn Wauchop, furrier, Adame Craig, goldsmith, Androw Wilsoun, cordiner, Patrick Schang, wright,—*Deacons of Crafts.*

Mr. Alexander Guthre, *Clerk.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (13 November 1573), vol. v. fol. 1.

1574-5.

THE LORD LINDESAY, *Provost.*

William Napier, Nicholace Vddert, Mr. Michaell Chisholme, John Arnot,—*Bailies.*

James Adamsoun, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, *Treasurer.*

Alexander Vddert, Archibald Stewert, Symon Marioribankis, Henry Nysbet, Mr. Jhonne Prestoun, Henry Charteris, Richert Abircrumby, Jhonn Moresoun, Robert Galbrayth, William Patersoun, James Inglis, Robert Hendersoun,—*Councillors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (5 October 1574) vol. v. fol. 32.

1575-6.

[*No Provost appears to have been elected this year.*]

John Arnot, Mr. Michaell Chisholme, John Adamsoun, Robert Kar,—*Bailies.*

Mongo Russell, *Treasurer.*

John Harwod, *Dean of Guild.*

James Adamsoun, Andro Sklaitter, Robert Kar, James Ros, Gilbert Primrois, Nicholas Vddert, Mark Kar, John Robertsoun, William Adamesoun, James Guthre, Edward Littill, Robert Cunynghame, Alexander Clark,—*Councillors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh, vol. v. fol. [illegible]

1576-7.

GEORGE DOUGLAS of Parkheid, Captain of the Castle, *Provost.*

Androw Sclater, Robert Kar, younger,—John Achesoune, Mr. John Marioribankis,—*Bailies.*

Alexander Guthre, *Common Clerk, Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, *Treasurer.*

Patrick, Lord Lindesay, Jhonne Adamsoun, Mr. Mychaell Chisholme, Jhonne Arnot, Robert Kar, elder, Jhonne Harwod, Mongow Russell, Jhonne Fergussoun, Adam Foullertoun, Alexander Barclay, James Young, cutler, Jhonne Wilkye, skinner,—*Councillors.*

Mr. Robert Creychtoun, Mr. Richert Strang, Mr. Edmond Hay,—*Assessors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (2 October 1576), vol. v. fol 66.

1577-8.

(*From October to April.*)

GEORGE DOUGLAS, *Provost.*

Alexander Vddart, John Robertsoun, Robert Kar, younger, Henry Charteris,—*Bailies.*

Lucas Wilsoun, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, *Treasurer.*

Mr. Robert Creichtoun, Mr. Edmond Hay, Mr. Richart Strang,—*Assessors.*

Mr. John Mariorebankis, Androw Sklater, John Aitkinesoun, Alexander Guthre, Mr. John Provand, James Guthre, Alexander Clark, John Arnott, Mr. John Prestoun, John Adamesoun, David Dennelstoun,—*Councillors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (30 September 1577), vol v. fol. 81, 82.

(*From April to October.*)

ARCHIBALD STEWART, *Provost.*

Alexander Vddert, Robert Kar, Henrye Charteris, Jhonn Robertsoun (and Mr. Mychaell Chisholme in his absence),—*Bailies.*

Lucas Wilsoun, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, *Treasurer.*

Mr. John Prestoun, Jhonne Adamsoun, Alexander Guthre, James Guthre, Mr. Jhonne Marioribankis, Dauid Danielstoun, Thomas Myller, Alexander Clerk, Robert Kar, elder, for the former Provost, William Lytill for Andro Sclater, William Naper for Jhonne Achesoun, Henry Nysbet for Mr. John Provand, Jhonne Arnot,—*Councillors.*

Mr. Robert Creychtoun, Mr. Edmond Hay, Mr. Richert Strang,—*Assessors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (14 April 1578), vol. v. fol 93, 94.

1578-9.

ARCHIBALD STEWART, *Provost.*

Robert Ker, elder, William Adamsoun, Gilbert Dick, Richert Abercromby,—*Bailies.*

Lucas Wilsoun, *Dean of Guild.*

Androwe Stewinsoun, *Treasurer.*

William Lytill, Alexander Clerk for the Provost, Alexander Vddert, Robert Kar, younger, Jhonne Robertsoun, Henry Charteris, Mr. Jhonne Prestoun, Dauid Williamson, Jhonne Johnstoun of Elphinstoun, James Ros, Thomas Aikinheid, Adam Craig,—*Councillors.*

Mr. Robert Creychtoun, Mr. Richert Strang, Mr. Edmond Hay,—*Assessors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (12 September 1578), vol. v. fol 107, 108.

1579-80.

ALEXANDER CLARKE of Balbirny, *Provost.*

Henry Nesbett, William Littill, Johnn Adamsoun, Robert Kar, younger,—*Bailies.*

Lucas Wilsoun, *Dean of Guild.*

Androw Stevinstoun, *Treasurer.*

Archibald Stewartt, Richartt Abercrumby, Gilbert Dik, Robert Kar, elder, James Forman, John Mayne, Jhonn Jhonnestoun, William Fairlie, John Fischar, William Adamsoun, Edward Hertt, John Wilky,—*Councillors.*

Mr. Dauid Makgill, Mr. Jhonn Schairp, Mr. Robert Creichtoun, advocate,—*Assessors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (6 October 1579), vol. v. fol. 16[illegible]; vol. vi. fol. 1.

1580-1.

ALEXANDER CLARK of Balbirny, *Provost.*

Alexander Vddert, James Nicoll, William Naper, Johnn Sym,—*Bailies.*

Jhonn Harwod, *Dean of Guild.*

Jhonn Robertsoun, *Treasurer.*

Jhonn Adamesoun, Henry Nesbet, Lucas Wilsoun, Jhonn Jhonestoun, Robert Bog, Edward Galbrayth, William Littill, Robert Ker, younger, Androw Stevinsoun, Jhonn Lowry, Frances Kinloch, Alexander Owsteane,—*Councillors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (4 October 1580), vol. vi. fol. 76.

1581-2.

ALEXANDER CLARK of Balbirny, *Provost.*

Robert Ker, younger, Henry Charteris, Gilbert Dik, Johnne Moresoun,—*Bailies.*

Jhonn Harwod, *Dean of Guild.*

Jhonn Robertsoun, *Treasurer.*

Mr. Jhonne Prestoun, Johnn Sym, Alexander Vddart, William Naper, James Nicoll, Androw Sclater, Jhone Jhonestoun for the treasurer, Alexander Scott, Jhonn Fairly, Patrik Cochrane, Thomas Millare, cutler, Jhonn Bannatyne, skinner,—*Councillors.*

Mr. David Makgill, Mr. Jhonne Scherp, Mr. Thomas Craig,—*Assessors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (3 October 1581), vol. vi. fol. 158.

1582-3.

ALEXANDER CLARK of Balbirnie, *Provost.*

Jhonn Adamsoun, Androw Sclater, Mr. Michaell Chisholm, William Fairly,—*Bailies.*

Mr. Jhon Prestoun, *Dean of Guild.*

Mungo Russell, *Treasurer.*

Henry Charters, Robert Ker, Jhonn Moresoun, Jhonn Jhonestoun, William Nesbet, Jhonn Harwod, James Forman, Alexander Naper, James Fergussoun, Jhonn Bairnisfather, William Mawle, Edward Mawchane,—*Councillors.*

Mr. Jhonn Scherp, Mr. Jhonn Prestoun and Mr. Thomas Craig, advocates,—*Assessors.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (October 1582), vol. vi. fol. 212, 213.

1583-4.

ALEXANDER CLARK of Balbirny, *Provost.*

William Littill, Henry Nesbett, James Nicoll, Thomas Aikinheid,—*Bailies.*

James Adamsoun, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, merchant, *Treasurer.*

John Adamsoun, Mr. Michaell Chisholme, Andro Sclater, William Fairlie, Mr. John Prestoun, Mungo Russell, William Nesbett, Hew Lawder, David Williamsoun, Thomas Myller, cutler, William Harvy, tailor; Deacons Robert Henrysoun, surgeoun, Jhonn Watt, smith, Alexander Owsteane, tailor, John Bannatyne, skinner, Thomas Annand, goldsmith, Thomas Bruce, cordiner, —*Councillors.*

Mungo Tailliefer, mason, Richert Burne, wright, James Wod, baxter, James Vr, flesher, Thomas Diksoun, farrier, Thomas Wricht, webster, William Cowts, walker, William Somer, bonnet maker, —*the rest of the Deacons.*

Mr. John Scherp, Mr. Thomas Craig, Mr. John Prestoun, younger,—*Assessors.*

Mr. John Skene, *Procurator-Fiscal.*

John Broun, *Collector of Kirk Rent.*

James Merchell, merchant, John Watt, smith,—*Collectors of the entry silver, upsets, weekly pennies and unlaws.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (October 1583), vol. vii. fol. 20.

1584-5.

JAMES EARL OF ARRAN, Chancellor and Captain of the Castle, *Provost.*

Henry Nesbet, William Nesbet, James Nicoll, William Harvie,—*Bailies.*

Nicoll Vddert, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, *Treasurer.*

Alexander Clark of Balbirnie, William Littill, William Fairlie, Alexander Vddert, Thomas Aikinheid, James Adamsoun, David Williamsoun, Allane Bryntoun, Bartilmo Somervell, John Jaksoun, John Watt, smith, George Smyth, tailor; Deacons Alexander Owsteane, tailor, Thomas Myller, cutler, George Hereott, goldsmith, Henry Blyth, surgeon, John Bannatyne, skinner, Thomas Bruce, cordiner,—*Councillors.*

Thomas Wod, wright, Gavin Peirie, mason, James Wod, baxter, Hary Burall, flesher, Cudbert Cranstoun, furrier, John Stevinsoun, webster, John Moyses, walker, Matho Davidsoun, bonnet maker, —*Remanent Deacons.*

Mr. John Scherp, Mr. John Prestoun, Mr. Henry Balfour, Mr. Alexander King,—*Assessors.*

James Merchell, merchant, John Watt, smith,—*Collectors of Unlaws, etc.*

Thomas Cok, Alexander Stewart,—*Jadgers of Fish.*

John Broun, *Collector of Kirk Rent.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (October 1584) vol. vii. fol. 114.

1585-6.

JAMES EARL OF ARRAN, Chancellor, *Provost.* (*From 5th October to 1st December.*)

WILLIAM LITTLE, *Provost.* (*From 1st December.*)

William Napier, William Fairlie, David Williamsoun, John Wilkyne,—*Bailies.* (Oct. 1585.) Andrew Sclater was on 17th December elected a Bailie in room of David Williamson, who was exempted from the office on 1st December.

Nicoll Vddert, *Dean of Guild.*

James Inglis, *Treasurer.*

John Johnestoun, Henry Nesbet, James Nicoll, Henry Chairteris, John Adamesoun, Alexander Vddert, James Ros, Thomas Fischear, Frances Tennent, John Gourlaw, Alexander Ow[illegible], tailor, William Symontoun, sadler; Deacons Thomas Myller, cutler, James Henry[illegible], surgeon, William Huchesoun, cordiner, Androw Cairny, tailor, John Mosman, goldsmith, John Thomesoun, skinner,—*Councillors.*

Frances Mansioun, wright, Gavin Peirie, mason, Cudbert Cranstoun, furrier, James Cairnie, baxter, John Henrysoun, flesher, Thomas Wricht, webster, William Cowts, walker, Patrik Rannald, bonnet maker,—*Remanent Deacons.*

Mr. John Scherp, advocate, Mr. Henry Balfour, advocate, Mr. John Prestoun, commissary, Mr. Alexander King, advocate,—*Assessors.*

Mr. Alexander Guthre, *Procurator-Fiscal.*

Thomas Patersoun, merchant, Moyses Wallace, skinner,—*Collectors of Unlaws.*

Alexander Stewart, Henry Smyth,—*Judgers.*

John Johnestoun, John Broun,—*Collectors of Kirk Annuals.*

James Henrysoun, notary, *Collector of St. Paul's Work and Trinity College.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (October 1585), vol. vii. fol. 207, 214, 21[illegible]; March 1[illegible], vol. viii. fol. 1

1586-7.

WILLIAM LITTLE, Merchant, *Provost.*

Alexander Vddert, John Robertsoun, John Arnott, Michaell Gilbert,—*Bailies.*

Mr. Michael Chisholme, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, *Treasurer.*

John Johnestoun, Andro Sclater, William Naper, William Fairlie, John Wilkyne, Nicoll Vddert, James Inglis, Mr. James Jhonestoun, James Lowry, John Makmorane, James Sandelands, tailor, James Barclay, skinner; Deacons Alexander Thomesoun, skinner, William Symontoun, saddler, James Nicolsoun, tailor, George Hereott, goldsmith, James Craig, surgeon, Thomas Diksoun, furrier,—*Councillors.*

William Huchesoun, cordiner, John Stevinsoun, wright, Pawle Masoun, masoun, James Wod, baxter, Androw Clavy, flesher, John Phillop, webster, William Cowts, walker, Patrik Rannald, bonnet maker,—*Remanent Deacons.*

Mr. John Scherp, Mr. John Prestoun, Mr. Henry Balfour, Mr. Alexander King, Mr. Thomas Gilbert,—*Assessors.*

John Johnestoun, John Browne,—*Collectors of Kirk Rent.*

Thomas Patersoun, Moyses Wallace,—*Collectors of Unlaws, etc.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (October 1586), vol. viii. fol. 1

1587-8.

JOHN ARNOTT, *Provost.*

Robert Ker, younger, John Robertsoun, Michael Gilbert, Mr. James Jhonestoun,—*Bailies.*

Mr. Michael Chisholme, *Dean of Guild.*

James Ros, and after his decease Edward Mawchan, *Treasurer.*

William Littill, Androw Sclaiter, Alexander Vddert, John Johnestoun, Thomas Aikinheid, Thomas Geddes, George Carkettill, Robert Hereis, Roger Maknacht, Clement Cor, John Porterfeyld, tailor, William Smaill, tailor; Deacons Patrik Sandelands, tailor, Thomas Myller, cutler, James Henrysoun, surgeon, Adam Craig, goldsmith, Alexander Thomesoun, skinner, Thomas Bruce, cordiner,—*Councillors.*

Paul Masoun, mason, Cudbert Mvre, furrier, John Stevinsoun, wright, Robert Levingstoun, baxter, John Henrysoun, flesher, Edward Thomesoun, webster, William Robesoun, and after his decease John Campbell, walker, Robert Patersoun, bonnet maker.

Mr. John Scherp, Mr. John Prestoun, Mr. Henry Balfour, Mr. Alexander King, Mr. Thomas Gilbert,—*Assessors.*

John Johnstoun, James Henrysoun,—*Collectors of Kirk Rent.*

Thomas Patersoun, merchant, Thomas Bell, skinner,—*Collectors of Unlaws, etc.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (October 1587), vol. viii. fol. 112.

1588-9.

JOHN ARNOT, *Provost.*

William Fairlie, Thomas Fischear, George Carkettill, William Smaill,—*Bailies.*

Mr. Michael Chisholme, *Dean of Guild.*

John Moresoun, *Treasurer.*

John Johnstoun, Robert Ker, John Robertsoun, and in his absence John Aichinsoun, Michael Gilbert, Mr. James Johnstoun, Androw Sclaitter, Edward Mauchane, William Rig, Alexander Hunter, Archibald Johnstoun, and in his absence John Mayne, David Fairly, John Harlaw, Deacons Partik Sandelands, tailor, John Watt, dagmakar, James Lyndsay, surgeon, Adam Craig, goldsmith, James Barclay, skinner, and in his absence John Bannatyne, John Clogy, cordiner,—*Councillors.*

Thomas Diksoun, furrier, Frances Mansioun, wright, James Nesbett, mason, John Borthuik, elder, baxter, John Henrysoun, flesher, Thomas Wright, webster, William Cowts, walker, William Somer, bonnet maker,—*Remanent Deacons.*

John Johnstoun, James Henrysoun,—*Collectors.*

Androw Sclater, Robert Hereis, Edward Galbrayth, John Watt,—*Appraisers of Wine and Timber.*

Council Records of Edinburgh (October 1588), vol. viii fol. 176.

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